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Gorbachov in flying visit to Thatcher

First UK trip by Soviet leader since Khrushchev

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is to make the first visit to Britain by a General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party for 31 years.

He is to pay a flying visit to see the Prime Minister on December 7, on his way to the historic summit in Washington to sign the treaty on the elimination of intermediate-range nuclear weapons from Europe.

They will immediately begin talks about the next stage of the disarmament process, with Mrs Thatcher setting out the areas where she thinks further progress can be made.

Mrs Thatcher, for whom the visit is a big personal boost, gave the news to surprised MPs soon after receiving confirmation from the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Leonid Zamyatin.

He called at Downing Street to tell Mrs Thatcher that Mr Gorbachov would be coming. He is expected to be in London for three or four hours, although detailed arrangements for the talks, and their location, have yet to be fixed. He will be accompanied by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Foreign Minister.

The visit is being seen as another strong indication of the good relations established between Mrs Thatcher and the Soviet leader. They got on particularly well during Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow last April, and it will be regarded as recognition of the her role in getting the East-West arms initiative off the ground, and maintaining their momentum.

Mrs Thatcher last saw President Reagan in Washington in July at a time when the Soviet-US talks seemed to be hitting trouble. There were suggestions that the Soviet Union was playing for concessions because of the weakening of the President's authority over the Iran-Contra scandal.

Mrs Thatcher, on her return to London, sent a message to Mr Gorbachov asking him to speed the progress of the talks.

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov will meet at a location as convenient as possible to the airport where he lands. The talks are unlikely to take place in Downing Street, or anywhere in central London.

The Prime Minister issued an invitation to Mr Gorbachov to visit Britain during her April trip, and she told MPs yesterday that she hoped he would be able to come for a longer visit later.

A specific invitation to him to stop over on his way to Washington had been issued by Mrs Thatcher in the last few days.

Mrs Thatcher will offer her congratulations on the successful outcome of the intermediate-range talks, and encourage him on his reform efforts in the Soviet Union.

But she wants immediately to begin the follow-up talks on efforts to obtain a ban on chemical weapons, reduction in the imbalance of conventional weapons, and a cut of 50 per cent in the level of strategic weapons held by the superpowers.

Ever since the Reykjavic summit between Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan last year, Mrs Thatcher and other European leaders have been anxious to ensure that European interests as a whole are taken account of in any superpower deal.

There was a fear among some leaders then that the superpowers were in danger of reaching an agreement over the heads of the Europeans

It will be the first visit by the head of the Soviet Communist Party since 1956, when Mr Nikita Khrushchev came on an eventful trip with Mr Nikolai Bulganin, the then Soviet Prime Minister. Mr Alexei Kosygin visited as the Soviet Prime Minister in 1967.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher said the intermediate weapons treaty vindicated the strong defence policies of Britain and Nato.

And, again backing Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost* approach, she said: "We firmly support the bold and courageous changes being made in the Soviet Union and wish them well."

She added: "I do hope Mr Gorbachov will accept my invitation for a longer stay in this country."

It will be Mr Gorbachov's second visit to Britain. He first came when a senior member of the Politburo in 1984.

● MOSCOW: Mr Gorbachov is prepared to extend his stay in the United States by one or two days if he and President Reagan are near a breakthrough on a further treaty cutting superpower strategic nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent, a senior Soviet official said yesterday (a correspondent writes).

Concerning his short stay in London en route to the summit, diplomatic sources said it was "an opportunity for an exchange of views that should not be missed".

After her visit to the Soviet Union last year, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov appeared to form a close professional and personal relationship unique between a Western leader and a communist ruler.

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The Prime Minister felt unwell during a reception for the Diplomatic Corps at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday night and left early, Downing Street confirmed yesterday. Mrs Thatcher, who is 62, was said to have felt a little lightheaded in a very hot and smoky room.

She sat down and had a glass of water and left the reception 20 minutes early after being seen by one of the diplomats present who was also a doctor.

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Britain can vet missile monitors

By Michael Evans and Andrew McEwen

The British Government will have the right to vet – and reject – any Soviet inspectors included on a list of 200 names to be drawn up by Moscow under the verification proceedings of the intermediate nuclear forces treaty now agreed between the US and the Soviet Union.

The verification clauses of the treaty will give the Soviet Union access to two of the most sensitive bases in Britain, Greenham Common in Berkshire and Molesworth in Cambridgeshire. The names will be studied carefully by the Security Service, MI5, and the Ministry of Defence to spot any known senior members of the KGB. dd p1holdThis right to vet will be given to all the basing countries, independently of the US.

Britain and the Soviet Union are preparing a ceremonial exchange of notes which will specify tight limits on the freedom Soviet officials will enjoy when they inspect cruise missile sites.

The notes, together with an "inspection protocol", contain some surprising concessions but in general limit the Soviet side more tightly than it had wished. They say they will be subject to the enforcement of British laws and regulations. Whitehall sources said that Moscow did not want this phrase included, and held out for looser wording.

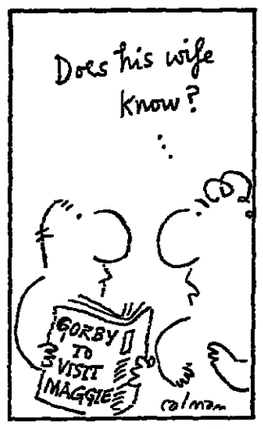
But at a meeting in Washington last Friday between US officials and representatives of the five basing countries, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, was pressed to reject a more vague Soviet draft for the exchange of notes. Britain was determined to prevent Soviet officials roaming at will.

Once the list of inspectors is approved, Britain and the other basing countries will supply the personnel with visas so they can arrive at short notice without having to go through normal immigration procedures. Under the intermediate nuclear forces (INF) treaty details, more of which were revealed by diplomatic sources yesterday, the Soviet and US sides will be allowed to select a maximum of 10 inspectors from the pool of 200 vetted and approved officials to visit each of the declared INF missile bases – that is, a total of 20 in Britain at any one time.

Officials said the Soviet flight plan to Greenham Common would be routed carefully to avoid sensitive areas. British officials will also be able to veto any special equipment the Soviet team may bring and have it sent back. If the Soviet officials want to see Greenham Common or Molesworth, they will file a flight plan with Whitehall. If they are travelling from Moscow, the British Government will have about four hours in which to arrange the visit and fix the necessary transport and hotel accommodation.

But, as officials said yesterday, if the Soviet team decides to fly in from another European basing country, say The Netherlands, the notice period will be considerably shorter. In Britain's case, the 10 Soviet inspectors will always fly into Greenham Common, which has a full-length

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Baby technique is a first for the NHS



Mrs Elizabeth Farnworth, her husband David and their daughter Lucy, who is the first baby to be born in a National Health Service hospital using a technique known as GIFT

New hope for the childless

By Geoff King

As the new regulations were announced yesterday, a woman aged 33 was celebrating after becoming the first National Health Service patient to give birth using a pioneering treatment known as GIFT – Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer.

Mrs Elizabeth Farnworth gave birth to a 5 lb 12 oz girl, Lucy, by Caesarian section at Billinge Hospital near Wigan, Greater Manchester, on Wednesday.

Mrs Farnworth and her husband David, of Orrell, near Wigan, had been trying to have a baby for nine years.

The technique previously available only privately, would be permissible but would require a statutory licence under the new rules.

It is quicker, cheaper and said to be more natural than test-tube baby methods.

Instead of being removed for two days and fertilized in a laboratory, five ripe eggs were taken from Mrs Farnworth's ovaries and transferred immediately to the fallopian tubes. They were then briefly removed, fertilized, and returned.

The low-cost version of the technique has been developed on the NHS by Mr Chris Chandler, a consultant gynaecologist, and Dr Nigel Bickerton, a research registrar, at Billinge Hospital.

Mr Chandler said that five more GIFT babies are due.

Free vote on embryo research

By Jill Sherman and Pearce Wright

The Government is proposing strict legal controls over test-tube baby clinics and a ban on controversial research, such as genetic engineering, using human embryos. But it has left the main decision over whether embryo research should be permitted at all to a free parliamentary vote.

Under recommendations in a White Paper published yesterday, it will be a criminal offence to create, use or store a human embryo outside the body without a permit from a new Statutory Licensing Authority. It will be a criminal offence to do research involving genetic manipulation of an embryo, try to clone two or more identical humans, or transfer human embryos to other animals.

The document, a framework for forthcoming legislation on infertility and embryo research, does make provision for a limited amount of research, under one of two proposals in the document.

The Government has proposed that two alternative draft clauses should be inserted into the forthcoming Bill and that a decision to allow research on embryos up to 14 days old should be left to a free vote in Parliament when the Bill is introduced.

The first clause, which prohibits research, says that any procedures on a human embryo, other than those aimed at preparing an embryo for transfer to the uterus of a woman, should be a criminal offence.

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The second clause permits research, if part of a project licensed by the new Statutory Licensing Authority.

Under this proposal, research on human embryos would be allowed, if it was aimed at advances in diagnostic or therapeutic techniques or in fertility control.

If Parliament votes for this limited research to go ahead, the Government has followed recommendations by the Warnock Committee that it should be restricted to those embryos under 14 days old.

The White Paper also makes it clear that, although the Government will not outlaw non-commercial surrogacy arrangements, commissioning parents will have no legal comeback if the surrogate mother decides to keep the baby.

Announcing the proposals, Mr Tony Newton, the Health Minister, said that the aim was to make future legislation flexible enough "to meet the concerns people have about the new reproductive technologies, while recognizing the benefits they can bring".

In vitro fertilization experts yesterday welcomed the Government's decision to set up a Statutory Licensing Authority, to monitor and control all treatment and research.

Professor Robert Winston, head of the infertility clinic at Hammersmith Hospital, West London, said that the paper rightly reflected deep concerns that some people had over research. "However, I am concerned that people should be aware that embryologists and research workers are on the brink of an enormous breakthrough in the prevention of hereditary and genetic diseases."

The anti-abortion pressure group, Life, applauded the fact that the Government had left to a free vote the alternative clauses, one prohibiting any research and the other allowing a limited degree of research on embryos.

However, Life suggested plans for the Statutory Licensing Authority were flawed. Its income would depend on revenues from its licensing activities, raising questions about the authority's neutrality.

● A Bill covering the emotional minefield of test-tube babies and embryo research is scheduled to be introduced by the Government in the next parliamentary session (Our Political Staff writes).

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, promised a debate "as soon as is convenient" yesterday, when it was asked for by Mr Neil Kinnock, and the House of Lords will also debate the issue before next summer.

Sandys dies aged 79

Lord Duncan-Sandys, one of the members of Churchill's wartime Cabinet, died at his Westminster home yesterday, aged 79.

He became an MP, as Mr Duncan Sandys, in 1935, the year he married Churchill's daughter, Diana.

After losing his seat in 1945, he returned as Minister of Supply in 1951 and served in Conservative governments and shadow cabinets until 1966.

He played a big part in the earlier attempts to get Britain into the European Community.

Mrs Thatcher was reported last night to be "very sad" at his death.

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Baby move

The condition of David Barber, aged seven weeks, who underwent a hole in the heart operation on Wednesday after five postponements, deteriorated slightly yesterday. The baby, who had been breathing without aid, was put on a ventilator at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

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BT pays up

British Telecom is paying a higher interim dividend after pretax profits rose 11.3 per cent to £1.12 billion. The shares fell 9p..... Page 25

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Robert Maxwell, the publisher, attacked the Football League's management committee for not backing his takeover of Watford Page 48

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Six athletes declined drug tests

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Some of the most famous names in athletics, including Fatima Whitbread, Linford Christie and Steve Ovett, are among the 131 competitors who have passed random drug tests over the last 18 months. But six athletes, who have retired from the sport, declined to be tested.

One of them, Karen Hough, the United Kingdom junior record holder for the javelin, told *The Times* last night that although she had never taken drugs herself some athletes were using masking drugs, like probenecid, which eliminate the presence of anabolic steroids and other drugs in the urine sample.

The other five who declined to be tested are Chris Black, a Commonwealth Games medal winner and now a professional; Diane Royle, the Scottish javelin thrower; Graham Williamson, the middle-distance runner; Louise Gittens, an Olympic high jumper; and Jayne Andrews, an international sprinter.

The British Amateur Athletic Board introduced the random drug-testing 18 months ago Report, Page 47

Flood alerts for Venice, Florence

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Florence and Venice were put on flood alert yesterday as heavy rains threatened the city centres and art treasures.

In Florence, the waters of the Arno were just inches short of the emergency level, reviving fears of the 1966 deluge when much of ancient Florence, including the Santa Croce church and convent, were wrecked by flood water.

Yesterday, Cimabue's great Crucifix was moved 16 ft higher within Santa Croce church. Curators are moving other masterpieces throughout Florence to the top floors of buildings.

Soldiers have been delivering sandbags to art galleries, and buses have been requisitioned to transport Florentines from the wharfside of the Arno to higher levels. Armoured security vans are ready to carry art treasures to safety.

On Tuesday the Prefecture warned Florentines not to enter the centre of the city, but most people ignored the call. The storm, the first of the winter, has highlighted how little has been done since the flood damage of 1966.

Venetians were using boats to cross St Mark's Square which was under eight inches of water. A strong wind on Tuesday forced up the tide levels and water poured into houses and street-level shops. On the Venetian island of Burano, 75 per cent of houses are flood damaged. The flooding has revived debate about the future of the sinking city. "It is ridiculous that this city should be imperiled whenever a storm pushes the tides to danger level," commented one lobbyist for urgent preservation measures.

● Tiber rising: Torrential rains pounded Rome yesterday, temporarily shutting the airport (AP reports). The Tiber's level rose, while floods trapped children at a school.

Firearms Act silences yacht club starting cannon

By Alan Hamilton

Members of the Little Ship yacht club on the Blackwater estuary at Hythe Quay near Maldon in Essex have been startled by a police raid on their premises to seize a dangerous firearm.

The 15in cast-iron cannon, usually kept above the piano in the club bar, has never been employed for anything more offensive than providing the starting signal for club races. But Essex police, in a burst of zeal after the Hungerford shooting, have told the club they cannot have it back unless they lock it up in a steel box and pay £33 for a firearms certificate.

Mounted on a 9in high trolley and weighing more than 10lb, the cannon has to be loaded with black powder and wadding and its trigger pulled with a piece of string to provide the boom for starting a race.

Mr Norrie Tomlinson, the club commodore, said yesterday: "The police are way over the top; there is no sense to it. I realize they are worried about guns being used in crimes, but anyone trying to hold up a bank with a starting cannon under his arm would look daft."

Mr Warren Panther, another club member, said: "There are guns like this in yachting clubs all over the country, but as far as we can see no one else has been told they need a firearm certificate. The only way to get it back is to get a box and pay up."

Mr Panther said that as far as he was aware the club had owned the cannon for about 30 years. He said it was bought simply as a starting cannon made specifically for starting races. "Whether or not it could fire any sort of projectile I really could not say. It merely makes a loud bang and a lot of smoke comes out."

Inspector Roy Giddings of Essex police, who took possession of the cannon, said he had to act to prevent the club from breaking the law. He hoped it would make other clubs with such weapons realize that they were breaking the law.

At the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, Isle of Wight, however, the surprise was that the Little Ship Club had been an unlicensed possessor of a firearm for so long.

The RYS has a whole arsenal of starting cannon: four small ones firing 10-bore blank cartridges each have a firearms certificate and are kept in a secure place, and the 22 larger cannon on the seafront, used for saluting the Queen with black powder and wadding when she visits Cowes Week, all have a shotgun certificate.

Major R.P. Rising, the RYS secretary, said yesterday: "All our cannon are inspected regularly by the police, and I am certain that most yacht clubs in the country are supervised equally closely".



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NEWS SUMMARY

Crossbows curbs sought by MPs

Fresh action to control the availability of crossbows was urged by MPs yesterday in the wake of the murder of a woman in Reading, shot by her brother-in-law who was later found dead.

But the Home Office said that recent legislation had provided the right degree of control without placing undue restrictions on competitive crossbow shooting, which was well-organized with strict safety standards.

Stuart Burton, aged 27, vanished on Wednesday after killing Mrs Stella Thomas, aged 38, with a bolt to the head and attacking her daughter aged 13. Police yesterday discovered his body inside a car on a bridge over the M4 in Wiltshire. They said there was no sign of a suicide note or evidence of drugs or drink. The crossbow has not been found.

Postmen's threat

Leaders of 165,000 postmen gave a warning yesterday that the Christmas post could be hit by industrial action because of lack of progress in talks over their claim for a three-hour cut in the working week. Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, will meet Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of letters, today. The union executive said that if the Post Office fails to produce a satisfactory response by early next week, they will take it that the talks have failed "and act accordingly".

Tube fire gift

The Government is to give £250,000 to the King's Cross disaster fund run by Camden council, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, announced yesterday.

"I hope that the Government's example will encourage others to join in helping the bereaved and those who suffered in this dreadful accident", he said.

It contributed identical amounts to funds for the Bradford football club fire and Heysel stadium deaths, and £1 million to the Zeebrugge ferry disaster.

Children leave care

Four more of the 17 children taken into care after the Congleton child sex investigation have returned home, Cheshire County Council said yesterday. Seven have been reunited with their parents after the police raids on Tuesday in which 18 adults were arrested.

Meanwhile, police said another four adults arrested have been released on police bail. Two men from Congleton were remanded in police custody until Monday by magistrates at Sandbach yesterday, charged with indecently assaulting young children.

● A Congleton couple who had three children taken away by police and social workers are demanding an apology to clear their name. They have been reunited with their children but say neighbours have branded them perverts.

Hale and hearty

A man with with two hearts beating in his body — his own and that of a teenage girl — in the first "piggy back" operation in Britain using a heart from a live donor was recovering at home last night.

Mr Maurice Parker, aged 53, from Tavistock, Devon, received the second heart during an operation at the National Heart Hospital in London.

The donor, Jocelyne Dinsley, aged 14, from Northolt, west London, is recovering after receiving the heart and lungs of a dead donor.

Workers stay put

Workers who refuse to move could be costing business £500 million a year according to a survey published today.

As many as two out of three companies run up against strong opposition when they ask staff to relocate and for every two people who do move for job-related reasons, one refuses.

The survey involved the personnel managers of 200 mainly multi-locational British companies. *Employee Mobility* (SCS Research for Homequity Ltd, 29 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BG; £25).

Ferry captain's plea

An appeal by Captain David Lewry, who was in command of the ferry, the Herald of Free Enterprise, when she capsized at Zeebrugge, will be heard in the High Court early next month. He is appealing against the findings of the inquiry into the disaster in which 188 people died. Captain Lewry was held to be seriously negligent and had his master's certificate suspended for a year.

Thatcherism touches bastion of 'golden time'

By Tim Jones

The "Spanish customs" and "golden time" which can take the salaries of television crews to £1,000 a week have been annoying Mrs Margaret Thatcher for years.

She told senior television executives that she was horrified to find that when British televison interviewed her she was faced with "a seemingly endless crocodile of seven production people".

"The Americans manage it with two people", she said.

Pressure from Downing Street and the lessons learned during the dispute at Wapping have spurred television managements to fight what Mrs Thatcher calls "the last bastion of restrictive practices in British industry".

The independent television companies have clamped down on many of the Spanish customs which plagued the industry, but several remain.

Tales of union practices and demands abound but members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians receive most of their huge payments legitimately through an agreement with the Independent Television companies set out in "The White Book."

The book covers rates of pay but, more importantly for the union, establishes the overtime formula which can make for such rich rewards that it is commonly known as "golden time".

The full effect of golden time was exposed this year when a TV-am engineer allegedly made a claim for £92,000 for working overtime during the Zeebrugge ferry disaster. He settled for a payment of less than £20,000.

Another TV-am technician covering the Barlinnie prison seige in Scotland submitted an overtime claim for £10,000.

Under the white book agreement, staff are allowed a 10-hour break between shifts but, if that is broken, payment for the next shift multiplies by a factor of four.

It has been estimated that the Zeebrugge technician was on 64 times the basic hourly rate of pay.

Traditionally, and under agreement, television crews demand first class accommodation, food and travel wherever they go.

If the BBC wants to interview someone in New York it can hire a local crew at a cost of $1,000. For an independent television company sending a five-man crew from London, the same interview could cost more than £7,000.

Some Spanish customs have been so audacious that they have become legendary within the industry.

One concerns the lighting technician who insisted on accompanying a Granada television crew into the Malaysian jungle to film the dawn.

There was a driver who, at the insistence of the union, accompanied a crew to East Germany, although security officers had made it clear that he would not be allowed to drive the bus. He sat in the back while an East German did the driving.

Some ambitious television programmes have almost been wrecked at inception because film technicians have insisted on having new leather luggage before stepping on to a plane.

Film crews have allowed companies to hire cheaper foreign crews when filming overseas on condition that those crews receive full pay for the job. The companies accepted because they saved on the cost of fares and hotel bills.

Television executives insist that these practices are becoming rarer because the unions, increasingly under seige, are realizing that they must be more realistic and negotiate deals on the basis of the ability of individual companies to pay.

Cabinet fury over Irish extradition safeguards

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Irish Republic's proposed safeguards on extraditing terrorist suspects to Britain and Northern Ireland has angered the British Cabinet.

The attitude of the minority Fianna Fail government on extradition caused considerable anger at yesterday's Cabinet meeting with ministers concerned that the measures planned by Mr Charles Haughey, the Republic's Prime Minister, will make extradition more difficult.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, and other ministers are seriously worried at the plan to give the Irish Attorney General the power to satisfy himself that sufficient evidence exists to warrant extradition and whether or not to accept an accompanying statement from Sir Patrick in support of the warrant.

British doubts about the action planned by the Irish government in an attempt to appease backbench Fianna Fail deputies who oppose making extradition to Britain and Northern Ireland any easier, were expressed to Mr Haughey during recent meetings with Mr Nicholas Fenn, the British Ambassador in Dublin.

Yesterday Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, publicly expressed the anger being shown in private by British ministers.

Mr King welcomed the Irish government's decision to ratify the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism.

But he added: "We regret that, notwithstanding our representations, it is proposed to give a role to the Irish Attorney General whereby he must satisfy himself as to the intention to prosecute the fugitive and as to the sufficiency of the evidence".

● An IRA Maze prison escaper was freed on bail by a court in the Irish Republic yesterday but was immediately rearrested and was last night being held in Dublin's Mountjoy Prison (John Cooney writes).

Paul Anthony Kane, aged 32, from Belfast, was remanded in custody by the Cavan District Justice, Mr Donal McArdle, after a senior police officer had presented a provisional warrant on behalf of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for his extradition to Northern Ireland.

Kane, who escaped from the Maze in 1983, is due to appear again in Cavan Court tomorrow, when the formal extradition warrant from the RUC should be presented.

Kane had been captured by Irish police on Wednesday night after a high speed car chase in which Mr Gerry Adams, the West Belfast MP and President of Sinn Fein, was a passenger.

Mr Adams, who attended yesterday's lengthy court hearings, was unrepentant about giving assistance to Mr Kane.

Mr Adams was in court when Kane, with a heavy gash wound clearly visible on his bald forehead, was charged with assaulting a police officer, with breaking the officer's watch and with breach of the peace.

Mr Adams' chauffeur, Mr Edward McCaughey, from Belfast, was charged with dangerous driving. A third man, Donal Carlin, a local man, was charged with impersonating a police officer and also with dangerous driving. All three were granted bail.

But as Mr Kane, accompanied by a group of Republican supporters including Mr Adams, stepped out of the court, he was rearrested by a police superintendent.

Millions lost in factories sell-off

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government lost tens of millions on the £190 million sale of the Royal Ordnance factories, the National Audit Office has revealed.

In its report published yesterday it stopped only just short of saying that the taxpayer had been badly shortchanged.

It said the £190 million for which the factories were sold to British Aerospace in April was probably the highest price achievable, but only in the context of the Government's desire to sell the factories as rapidly as possible.

The proceeds were significantly less than the public investment in a company whose net assets had been valued at between £210 million and £247 million.

The report listed areas in which the Government had lost or spent large sums on the sale, including:

● In 1985 and 1986 it waived dividends worth £22 million to increase the attractiveness of the company.

● By delaying transfer of employee pension rights the Government eventually had to pay an extra £21 million. This was a risk that could have been avoided.

● The Government agreed a value for those pension rights £9.3 million higher than the maximum recommended by the Government Actuary, though less than the amount claimed by Royal Ordnance.

● The £15.2 million proceeds from the earlier sale to Vickers of the Royal Ordnance tank factory in Leeds were included in the net assets which went to British Aerospace.

● At least £4.6 million was spent on giving employees free shares, on selling expenses, and on compensation.

● The ministry retained liability for certain losses which were still being assessed.

National Audit Office: Sale of Royal Ordnance plc (Stationery Office; £4.80).

Shop steward defiant



Mr Tim Wight, union leader in the dispute at TV-am (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Tim Wight, the shop steward at TV-am who is behind the dispute surrounding a Christmas charity programme, agreed last night that the action had little public support.

He said: "I realize we do not have public sympathy over this programme but I am quite prepared to believe that the company deliberately chose it for a dispute for this very reason".

Mr Wight, aged 39, emerged as the leader of the dispute after reports that Spanish Customs practised by crews who were members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) enabled him and his men to live in luxury on huge overtime rates.

His earnings have been quoted as £70,000. He owns a boat, Sea Pal, that is described as a luxury yacht worth £200,000 but he said that both figures were exaggerated. He refused to give the correct ones.

Asked if it were true that his members could earn £1,000 a week, he said: "If the company were to decide to ask somebody to work who was on a day off and who had worked 24 hours the day previously and was about to work 24 hours the next day, with no breaks, no meals, and no rest, it would be possible for that individual to end up with a fairly reasonable overtime return".

He said that fiddles, work inflexibility and restrictive practices did not exist among ACTT members at TV-am.

Relations between the union and the management of TV-am had changed since the recent appointment of Mr David Davidovitz as director of technical operation, he said. He believed that Mr Davidovitz, who came from Central Television, had been given the job of "getting ACTT into line".

Move to overturn soft left in union

The hard-left in Britain's largest trade union has mounted a campaign to discredit politically leading soft-left candidates, which could have important ramifications for the Labour Party (Rowland Rudd writes).

In the run-up to the crucial executive elections in the Transport and General Workers' Union, the hard left has told the union's general secretary, Mr Ron Todd, that it will not accept the appointment of a leading supporter of Mr Neil Kinnock as secretary of the union's region one.

The ruling soft left group is convinced the moves are part of a co-ordinated campaign to unseat the leading moderate chairman of the union, Mr Brian Nicholson. His abandonment of the hard left for the pro-Kinnock group gave the soft left a majority of one on the union executive.

The hard left has made no secret of its determination to unseat Mr Nicholson since he cast a second vote as chairman for the introduction of one-member, one-vote for the reselection of Labour candidates.

Pub bomb jury 'got it right'

Jurors who found six men guilty of murdering 21 people in the Birmingham public house bombings 13 years ago reached the "right verdict", the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the Crown, said that the murder convictions at Lancaster Crown Court in 1975 were safe and satisfactory.

The prosecution case against the six men, who were jailed for life, was overwhelming then and remained so.

On the nineteenth day of the men's appeal against their convictions, Mr Judge said that witnesses called on behalf of the appellants were "wholly unreliable".

Mr Judge said there had been extremely careful selection of material to be ventilated in public during an "orchestrated campaign" on behalf of the convicted men.

Mr Judge urged the three judges not to order a new trial. If they felt the verdicts should be quashed, then that should be an end to the case.

If they were innocent then they were the unfortunate victims of an extraordinary set of coincidences and circumstances.

The six appellants are: William Power, aged 42, of Cranwell Grove, Birmingham; Patrick Hill, 42, of Kilburn Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham; John Walker, 52, of Enderby Road, Kingstanding; Robert Hunter, 41, of Riley Way, Kingstanding; Richard Mcllkenny, 53, of Epsom Grove, Kingstanding and Hugh Callaghan, 57, of Stanwell Grove, Erdington, Birmingham.

Moderate official goes for NUM presidency

By Tim Jones

The lines were drawn last night for a bitter battle in the National Union of Mineworkers now that Mr John Walsh, a moderate union official, is to challenge Mr Arthur Scargill for the presidency.

Immediately, Mr Scargill, who earlier this month announced his decision to stand down and seek re-election, made clear that the election will become a divisive personal fight.

"NUM members will have an opportunity to continue to support me or to support a right-wing candidate who will inevitably be backed by the entire establishment, including those forces which have tried to destroy our industry and our union", he said.

The contest, which will be decided by a pit-head ballot on January 22, is expected to be one of the fiercest in the union's history. Although Mr Scargill enjoys enormous support in his own Yorkshire heartland, he has alienated traditional hard-left areas such as South Wales and Scotland.

The union is divided over the limited overtime ban, imposed against British Coal's disciplinary code, and over six-day working which the corporation says is a condition of new investment.

In an unprecedented attack, Mr Des Dutfield, president of the South Wales miners openly doubted Mr Scargill's competence to run the union.

Nominations do not close until December 14, so some union leaders were surprised that Mr Walsh has already declared his intention.

But his supporters said last night that as an experienced Labour politician, Mr Walsh will have done his homework before taking the decision.

Man in the news

Quiet challenge to Scargill

By Tim Jones

Mr John Walsh, who has challenged Mr Arthur Scargill for the presidency of the National Union of Mineworkers, is not given to tub-thumping, and so he is little known outside his North Yorkshire domain, where he is an agent for the union.

But Mr Walsh has proved in his quiet way to have the grit and determination to fight Mr Scargill, whose decision to step down and stand for re-election was widely regarded as a move to entrench his control of the divided union.

Mr Walsh, aged 50, a Labour Party member for more than 20 years, is a practised politician, regarded by former colleagues on Wakefield District Council as a pragmatic right winger.

Years ago, he got to know Mr Scargill when they attended a three year day-release course on industrial relations at Leeds University. Personally he got on "OK" with Scargill "although I disagree fundamentally with him about what being a union official means".



Mr John Walsh: pragmatic view from the right.

Mr Walsh made that clear when he was narrowly defeated for the post of general secretary, before the miners' strike.

He was firmly against industrial action. "I made it clear that if we walked up that path we would regret it. We did, and ended up paying the price".

Before becoming an agent, Mr Walsh worked down a pit for 27 years; he believes he has an instinctive feeling for what the miners want.

Although many left-wingers now openly criticise Mr Scargill, they may not support Mr Walsh, fearing he is too far right of the union and the Labour Party for their liking.

But Mr Walsh insists he is a pragmatist who believes in negotiation rather than confrontation while letting it be known that he would back a confrontation if there were no other way.

Privately, he believes Mr Scargill's leadership has done enormous damage to his union and the industry. The men in the mines, he says, are now in despair.



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Charges likely for directory inquiry service

Telephone marketing companies which jam the directory inquiry lines are prompting British Telecom to charge for the service (Ronald Faux writes).

British Telecom said yesterday that since the inquiries service was computerized some marketing companies had employed banks of people ringing to obtain up-to-date telephone lists.

The company would not say how much would be charged or when the charge would be brought in.

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Kasparov and Karpov warm to drawn game

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

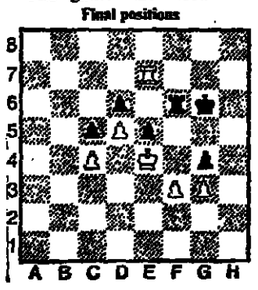
The normally frosty relations between Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, and Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, warmed somewhat last night when they spent about five minutes together analysing the seventeenth game of their championship series after agreeing to a draw.

The game had been adjourned on Wednesday night with Karpov holding a small advantage.

Kasparov plays white in the eighteenth game

Moves:

White	Black		
1 Nf3	Nf6	25 Qxd8	Nxf3+
2 c4	g6	26 Bxf3	Rxd8
3 Nc3	Bg7	27 bxc5	bxc5
4 e4	d6	28 Rb8	Rf8
5 d4	0-0	29 Rb6	Rf6
6 Be2	e5	30 Rb8	Rf8
7 0-0	Nc6	31 Rb5	Rf6
8 d5	Ne7	32 Be4	Bf5
9 Nd2	a5	33 Bxf5	Rxf5
10 b3	c5	34 g3	Rf6
11 a3	Ne8	35 h4	h6
12 Rb1	f5	36 Kg2	Kg7
13 b4	axb4	37 f3	Kg8
14 axb4	b6	38 Kf2	g5
15 Qb3	Nf6	39 hxg5	hxg5
16 Bd3	Bh6	40 Ke3	Kg7
17 Rb2	Ra1	41 Rb8	Kh7
18 Qc2	Bf4	42 Rd8	Kg7
19 Nf3	fxe4	43 Ra8	Kf7
20 Nxe4	Nxe4	44 Ke4	Kg7
21 Bxe4	Rxc1	45 Ra7*	Kg6
22 Rxc1	Bxc1	46 Re7	g4
23 Qxc1	Nf5		
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Reporting curbs on the Spycatcher case are lifted by judge

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The British media won its first significant breakthrough yesterday in the legal fight to publish the allegations of the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, when a High Court judge ordered the lifting of reporting restrictions on the evidence of Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet.

In the face of strong protests by Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for the Attorney General, Mr Justice Scott ruled that in the public interest "in the administration of justice" the extensive restrictions in force since the case started on Monday should be removed.

The ruling means that for the first time, newspapers are free – without risk of legal proceedings – to report the allegations made by Mr Wright in his memoirs, *Spycatcher*, now widely available throughout the world, providing they are referred to in court.

The surprise move by the judge came on the fourth day of the Government's case to have a temporary ban on publication of *Spycatcher* material made permanent. It is being resisted by *The Guardian*, *The Observer* and *The Sunday Times*.

Opposing the lifting of restrictions, Mr Alexander said it would be "quite wrong to present yet another route by which there could be widespread publication given to Mr Wright's allegations, before we know whether the Attorney General is correct in the claim (for a permanent ban) he makes before this court".

It would enable the press to report every *Spycatcher* allegation repeated in court and to highlight them; the very thing the Attorney General was seeking to prevent, he said.

But the judge said he had to strike a balance between the interest of national security on one hand, and on the other "the public interest in the administration of justice in connection with a case being heard in open court of great constitutional interest, and perhaps importance, to the public at large."

That was not the balance he would have to strike at the end of the trial when deciding whether newspapers should be free to publish the *Spycatcher* allegations generally, he said.

He was not yet in a position to do that but he was able to decide whether there was any security interest to warrant restrictions on a fair and accurate report of what was happening in court and, he said, "I have come to the conclusions there is not".

Unlike the House of Lords in July, which extended the ban on *Spycatcher* to the Australian court proceedings, the judge had heard Sir Robert's evidence.

Second, the Home Secretary had signed a certificate of public interest immunity which had restricted the questioning of Sir Robert by counsel for the newspapers.

Third, the injunction imposed on publishing *Spycatcher* material, which was upheld by the House of Lords, was still in force (although it did not extend to British court reports); and finally, counsel had avoided reading out any substantial passages from the book. The allegations were only mentioned in substance.

The judge is, however, to review reporting restrictions on a daily basis and evidence from other witnesses may be subject to further bans.

When the hearing resumed of the Government's case for a permanent case against *Spycatcher*, Sir Robert, under cross-examination by Mr Anthony Lester, QC, for *The Sunday Times*, said the Government was actively taking steps to "plug the American loophole" where there has been widespread publication.

He said the Government was considering urgently what steps it could take to deal with what it considered to be a "major problem" – the publication of the book in the United States.

But he admitted that if the Government failed in its proceedings in the United Kingdom, then the need to proceed in the US would be "much the less".

Mr Lester said that while the American route was open, the real problem of deterring future Mr Wrights remained. "You agree the problem is very urgent; it has been urgent ever since Peter Wright got away with it in the United States, because the Government is wide open to similar episodes at any time, and threats – in your case – to the national interest," Mr Lester added.

If the Government believed the damage caused by publication of Mr Wright's book in the US was that great, it would already have taken steps to close that route, he added.

A plot by a number of MI5 officers to destabilize the Wilson government emerged as one of the central allegations in Mr Peter Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, during the High Court proceedings earlier this week.

The allegation can now be mentioned because of the lifting of reporting restrictions yesterday by Mr Justice Scott.

Cross-examining Sir Robert Armstrong, the Secretary of the Cabinet, on Wednesday, Mr Charles Gray, QC, for *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, said that the book also contained allegations that security service officers illegally entered foreign embassies and bugged them.

It also contained "details of a whole series of operations which are unlawful and contrary to the criminal law, if they happened".

Mr Gray asked Sir Robert that if officers had entered and bugged embassies, would that be committing a criminal offence. Sir Robert replied that he could not answer the question. "I would want to have legal advice. I don't know enough about it."

Asked whether such activities, assuming they occurred, should be the proper subject of press comment and investigation, Sir Robert replied they should be taken up with the appropriate authorities. "I don't think justice requires them to be disclosed to the public."

Later in evidence, however, Sir Robert said that as a last resort, an aggrieved security service officer might be entitled to go public if official channels of complaint had failed.

Questioned on what the position would be if the activities of the security services were aimed at subverting the state, Sir Robert said: "I don't accept the security services undertake activities of that kind."

It was at that point that Mr Gray cited the allegation in *Spycatcher* that MI5 officers had plotted to destabilize the Wilson government.

Sir Robert said that if there were such activities, they would certainly be a serious breach of the Maxwell-Fyfe Directive; but as to the criminal law, he did not know enough about it.

Return to Carnaby Street



Quant in Carnaby Street! There is potent imagery in those two words, of dolly birds in mini skirts and mods in high-buttoned Beatle suits that still attests to the strength of their combined names as a fashion force today (Liz Smith writes). A fascinating and daring experiment in selling clothes was launched yesterday when Mary Quant, the wizard who conjured up the mini and launched London as a fashion capital, opened her latest emporium of larky clothes and accessories in that open air theatre of the swinging sixties, Carnaby Street.

Carnaby Street has lately been a murky bazar strung with Union Jack T-shirts and studded leather wrist bands and jackets. Mary Quant, has concentrated on cosmetics and tights. She staked out the King's Road as her own fashion territory back in the sixties, and never ventured into the West End. yesterday Mary Quant, mini-skirted and high-booted as elegantly as ever, was confident that she will lead the fashionable back into Carnaby Street.

Photograph: Chris Harris

Dr Higgs 'was asked to slow abuse findings'

By Peter Davenport

The doctor who pioneered the medical technique used by the two consultants in Cleveland to diagnose sexual abuse in children said yesterday the issue had been handled wrongly.

Dr Jane Wynne was so concerned at the numbers of children being admitted to hospital on place of safety orders that in a telephone conversation she asked Dr Marietta Higgs if she could slow her rate of diagnosis, she told the judicial inquiry into the affair yesterday.

Dr Higgs enthusiastically embraced the diagnostic technique of reflex anal dilatation, pioneered by Dr Wynne and her colleague, Dr Christopher Hobbs, to diagnose scores of children in Cleveland as sexual abuse victims.

Dr Wynne has told the inquiry that the technique had to be viewed as part of a larger jigsaw of evidence needed to make a diagnosis of sexual abuse.

She was asked by Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, the judge heading the inquiry in Middlesbrough, whether there was a danger of her teachings being taken by some people on the basis of first finding medical evidence and then looking for supporting corroboration. Dr Wynne agreed.

Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss: "That I do not think, if I am right, is the message you wish to put out?" Dr Wynne: "No." Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss: "It is, I think, the message that is going out in certain quarters".

Dr Wynne said that when she asked Dr Higgs if she could slow the rate of diagnosis, Dr Higgs said: "It is very difficult if the children come with signs that seem to be clearly of child sexual abuse; how can I not diagnose sexual abuse?"

The inquiry was adjourned until Monday.

Liaison 'vital to fight child abuse'

By Ruth Gledhill

Social workers, police, the medical profession and voluntary organizations were urged yesterday to forget their differences and work more closely when attempting to deal with child sexual abuse.

In one area alone, co-operation between the professions has meant the number of referrals for sexual abuse has risen from three in 1980 to 440 last year, a conference in London was told yesterday.

"We need to have a recognition by all authorities of the seriousness of the problems", Mr Tom White, director of the National Children's Home, told Britain's first national conference on child sexual abuse.

Mr White urged professionals to treat seriously those children who say they have been abused.

"One very much applauds the fact that the problem was treated seriously in Cleveland. One of the problems with Cleveland is that much of the publicity has concentrated on the family welfare and the legal issues."

Mr Derek James, director of social services in Leeds, where figures suggest that one in 400 children is being sexually abused and 36 per cent of sexually abused children are aged under five, said: "It is not a myth. I have seen the effects on children."

Timeshare companies smarten up their image

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The British timeshare industry yesterday moved to set strict standards of conduct for developers and protect buyers' interests.

A new Timeshare Developers Association will represent 26 developers with about 50 resorts in Britain and Europe – about half the industry.

Another five should have joined by the end of the year. The stringent scrutiny of the legal framework of applicants' timeshare properties by a panel of lawyers has delayed their acceptance.

Members of the association must ensure that if they employ "canvassers" they work in accordance with local laws, are clearly identifiable and must operate away from areas primarily used for relaxation, including beaches and pools.

Information about properties must be accurate, and all contracts must include a five-day cooling off period. Incentives to look at or purchase must be clearly described and absolutely genuine, as must discounts to "buy on the day".

The association, a merger of three timeshare bodies – the Timeshare Developers Group, British Property Timeshare Association and European Holiday Timeshare Association – has five main roles: consumer protection, self-regulation, consumer information and an independent arbitration system, liaison with the Government and other bodies, and the "promotion of timeshare as one of the most reliable, best-quality holiday products".

'Give pregnant women a test for Aids virus'

A group of medical experts have called for the screening of all pregnant women for the Aids virus.

In a letter to *The Lancet*, nine leading figures say that the rejection by the House of Commons Social Service Committee of even anonymous screening is "neither scientifically nor ethically coherent".

'Working women healthier'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Women who have a job are healthier and live longer than women who do not go to work, a conference was told yesterday.

Studies showed that working women have a 20 per cent lower death rate and are less prone to heart and respiratory disease and diabetes, Dr Valerie Beral, an epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said.

However, employed women are slightly more at risk of lung cancer, probably because they smoke more at work than women at home, Dr Beral told the Medical Women's Federation symposium in London.

Although working women were generally healthier, the reasons were unclear and more research was needed, Dr Beral said.

● The Business Woman's Travel Club, launched in London yesterday, is to blacklist airlines, hotels and travel agencies which fail to improve services for women executives travelling alone.

The club says its members are tired of being sexually harassed, ignored and overcharged. Travelling women say they are often treated "like second class citizens".

A rosy future for directors

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Company directors are full of optimism for the future employment prospects of their companies, while their pay, bonuses and standards of living are booming, according to a survey, covering 6,964 company directors and 30,990 senior executives.

The report on employment trends, by the Institute of Directors and the Reward Group, says: "The percentage expecting to increase their employees over the next twelve months has hit a record high and, for the first time, the figure for factory staff has exceeded 50 per cent".

The average forecast for rises in their own pay next year is 6 per cent, although just over a quarter expect 10 per cent or more. The Reward Group estimates that the average will be about 8 per cent.

Managing directors' basic pay ranges from £25,000 to £44,000, with an average of £32,000; with benefits, that rises to £37,000.

An executive director receives on average 83 per cent of his managing director's pay; senior managers 61 per cent, and supervisors 28 per cent.

Directors in computer services lead the field: the average basic pay is £60,000 for chairmen, £44,000 for managing directors and £34,000 for other directors; with benefits these rise to £70,000, £52,000 and £40,000 respectively.

The most popular car is the Jaguar, as it has been throughout the 1980s. The number two position is held by the Ford Granada this year. Previous second place holders have been BMW (1986, 1983, 1982), Mercedes (1985, 1984) and Rover (1981, 1980).

The report points out that last year it warned companies and executives against swapping cash bonuses for share option schemes, saying, "This puts senior executives at some risk of a collapse in share prices".

It adds: " How true this was".

Directors Rewards 1987 - 1988, (The Reward Group, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8BA. Price £130).

LIFESTYLES: WHAT DIRECTORS NEED TO EARN

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Tobacco	276	342	370
Durable goods	618	777	970
Other goods	784	1,216	1,742
Services	1,120	4,025	5,394
Fuel	705	886	1,224
Transport	2,656	4,135	5,067
Clothing	711	1,039	1,427
Housing	8,199	7,967	10,716
Savings	377	871	1,789
Deductions	1,381	1,381	1,381
Tax	5,655	14,015	26,772
REQUIRED INCOME	23,816	41,159	63,077

● Another survey published today finds that benefits in kind, job security and family protection are all influenced by status and job category.

In ill-health or death the senior manager and family is better protected than a factory worker. An office typist has a shorter working week and more chance of medical insurance than the factory worker.

Monks Guide to Employment Conditions 1987, (Monks Publications, Debden Green, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3LX Price £15).

Galileo first edition fetches £19,800

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A first edition of Galileo's *Sidereus Nuncius* in which he relates how he first heard about a new Dutch invention, the telescope, produced the best price at the first day of Sotheby's manuscript and book sale yesterday.

Galileo also describes what he saw through it: the moon's irregular surface and the satellites of Jupiter.

Although "a little wormed", as the catalogue says, it sold for £19,800 to the book dealers Quaritch (estimate £12,000 to £15,000).

The best lots of the two-day sale, including a hitherto unknown manuscript by Liszt, come up today.

In the same sale, a group of autograph poems by the artist Egon Schiele, when he was aged 20, fetched £70,950. As they show a preoccupation with women, priests and death, it comes as no surprise that this Austrian artist was a follower of Freud.

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The highest price was £7,480 for a poem entitled "Visionen", bought by Fischer Fine Art. An early account of how to work the stock exchange, by the seventeenth century Portuguese Jose Penso de la Vega (who made and lost his fortune five times in all), sold for £16,500.

Meanwhile, 44 per cent of the fine Eastern rugs and carpets failed to sell at Christie's yesterday. The highest price was £39,600 for a silk and metal thread Kum Kapu prayer rug, which had been estimated at £15,000 to £25,000.

At Christie's Amsterdam, a collar necklace by Boucheron fetched £30,621 and a white gold bracelet by Cartier £17,012.

Cigarette cards sold well at Phillips, all three top lots being snapped up by a Sussex-based businessman who started collecting for investment in July this year. His highest price was £6,050 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) for a set of Globe cigarette Co cards decorated with pictures of actresses.

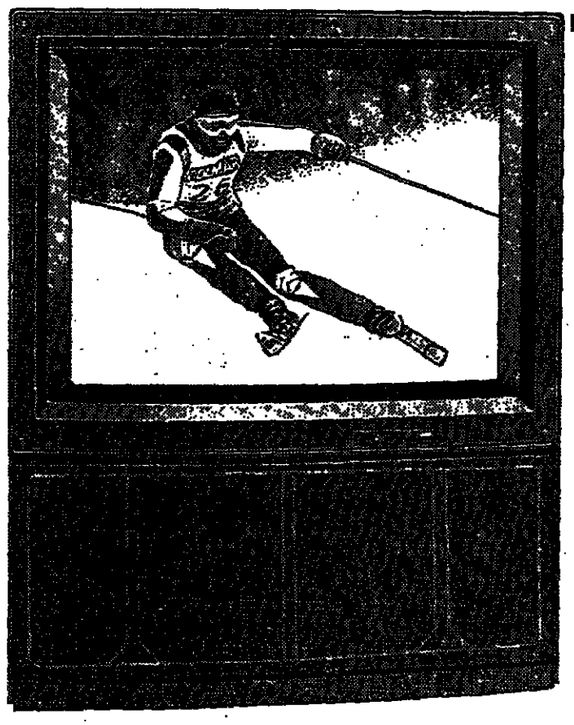
Among top prices so far at the first City of London Antiques Fair was a Georgian mahogany sideboard, sold for more than £12,000 by Michael Wakelin and Helen Linfield. Christie's South Kensington was left with 30 per cent unsold at its watches, clocks and barometers sale – most notably a gold perpetual calendar wristwatch by Audemars Piguet, shown on the catalogue cover, and estimated at up to £9,000.

The best price was for a late eighteenth-century chiming longcase clock which went for £5,500 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500). Bonhams was delighted with two prices at its tapestry sale, when an embroidery of Charles I and Henrietta Maria surrounded by heraldic beasts fetched £9,200.

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PARLIAMENT

'Bogus figures' on NHS hospitals rejected by Cook

There was no more important duty with which a government was charged than the funding of essential patient care, Mr **Robin Cook**, Opposition spokesman on health and social services, told MPs.

The crisis in the health service was profound, he said. The Government came up with bogus statistics, but the truth was that resources were getting tighter.

Opening the Opposition-initiated debate on financial pressures on hospitals in the National Health Service, he said that a clear majority of district health authorities in England and Wales – a total of 101 – projected a deficit to the end of the financial year.

Health service underfunding was a national problem. It had a common solution: more funds from the centre.

Shropshire district health authority, in discussing cuts for 1990-91, would probably close 10 out of 15 cottage hospitals, with the loss of 364 beds. Yet the authority already had some of the nation's longest waiting lists.

Deficits this financial year would range from one-third of a million pounds upwards.

The most obvious and common cuts this year had been the sharp reduction in the number of beds. This year, their number had been shrinking at a rapidly accelerating rate.

In the South East Thames region, the Medical Advisory Committee reported that waiting lists in the first nine months of 1987 increased by one-fifth.

There was a report of breast cancer operations being postponed four or five times.

The report of the national audit office had shown that operating theatres were not in use for half the time. It cost an average of £450 for each hour that a theatre was in use. District health authorities could not afford to maintain even the present rate of use, let alone extend it.

This was Catch 22: to cut the waiting lists they must run operating theatres more efficiently but to meet the cash limits they must run them inefficiently.

The heart operation on David Barber had been postponed five times in six weeks. Today it had been learnt that 70 operations had been cancelled in the past five months. The problem could be solved only by increasing the *number of intensive care places* and training more staff.

West Midlands regional health authority had been obliged to postpone its capital programme and one of the casualties of that was the new children's hospital, which would have included an increased number of intensive care units for children.

The doctors who operated on David Barber had been told that the start of building that new hospital had been delayed indefinitely, thus condemning children in the West Midlands to suffer the same delays and uncertainties in the future that David Barber's parents had experienced.

Sir James Ackers, the chairman of the regional health authority, had been seen in the House yesterday evening, walking down the Prime Minister's corridor. Could the minister clarify whether is was Sir James or the Prime Minister who was offering to resign because of the problems in the West Midlands?

Everyone had seen the full-page newspaper advertisements in which Great Ormond Street Hospital was inviting contributions from the public. There *could be no more damning* indictment of this Government's stewardship of the NHS than to see that great hospital driven into the arms of professional fund-raisers.

He was prepared to concede that there had been some increase in resources if the minister was prepared to concede that it was not enough to keep *the health service going.* He begged the minister to recognize that there was a problem, even if he was not prepared to do anything about it.

If the minister was not prepared to do anything about it, he appealed to Conservative backbenchers. He understood their dilemma and he knew the pressures that the whips could apply.

If there were a secret ballot at the end of this debate, he suspected that the Opposition *motion would be carried.* If those Conservative MPs who had expressed anxiety about the health service in their local papers really meant what they said, they should vote for the extra resources which they knew the health service needed.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Health, moved an amendment welcoming the increase in the number of people being treated in hospital and community health services, and recognizing the work of all groups of staff *who had made that possible.*

The amendment also congratulated the Government on maintaining the NHS programme of hospital building and providing a high level of investment in the service next year. It also reaffirmed the Government's intention to continue the promotion of a comprehensive health service.

He said that looking back at the previous Labour Government it was not surprising that Mr Cook should have spent so *much time apologizing.*

In 1978-79, the NHS in England cost as a whole just over £6,400 million. This year, the figure would be £17,000 million, an increase not only of almost a third in real terms, but an increase in any terms, whatever statistical analysis was applied.

Reference had been made to *the percentage of GDP taken* by the health service. For the next two or three years that figure would be more then 5 per cent, *probably significantly more.* Under the previous Labour Administration it had been 4.8 per cent, significantly less.

The present figure was even better when taking into account the fact that since 1979 there had been a considerable increase in GDP.

How much more difficult would the existing pressures be *but for that big increase in* expenditure.

There had been an increase of 15 per cent, or 5,400, in community doctors and dentists since 1979, an increase of 12 per cent or 4,000, in general practitioners and dental practitioners, nearly a 15 per cent increase, or more *than 50,000, in hospital* community nurses and midwives *and a 33 per cent increase in the* professional and technical staff that underpinned so many of the screening programmes.



Tory cheers for Gorbachov

Loud Conservative cheers greeted Mrs Thatcher's announcement at question time that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, was to visit London on his way to the United States for next month's summit meeting.

The Prime Minister told MPs that the Soviet Ambassador had that morning told her that Mr Gorbachov had accepted her invitation to him to make a short stop in the United Kingdom on his *way to the United States-Soviet* summit meeting in Washington.

***Mr David Howell* (Guildford, C) said that Mr Gorbachov's visit would be welcome. "Will the Prime Minister tell him that we have read with interest his plans and his book on *Perestroika,* or restructuring, and that if he cares to make his stay a little longer she may be able to give him some tips on how to make the enterprise culture work, something which he would find useful in further Soviet reforms?**

Mrs Thatcher* said that the Government firmly supported the courageous changes being made internally in the Soviet Union and wished them well, and supported, too, the new intermediate-*weapons treaty that would be signed soon.

"I hope Mr Gorbachov will accept my invitation for a longer stay in this country, but I am pleased he is coming to visit us so that we can have talks before he meets President Reagan."

***Sir Peter Blaker* (Blackpool South, C) supported the Prime Minister's warm welcome to Mr Gorbachov and hoped that his visit would allow her to resume the fruitful dialogue she had had with Mr Gorbachov in Moscow. He also offered a warm welcome for the agreement which Mr Gorbachov was going to sign, as a complete vindication of the Prime Minister's policy.**

***Mrs Thatcher:* I hope Mr Gorbachov will be *here for a few hours so that we can have a full discussion on matters affecting the Soviet Union, and also on the future, beyond the nuclear weapons* treaty which is, I agree, a vindication of the *firmness of Nato and particularly of the attitude* of this country.**

Group of Seven meeting needs careful study

TREASURY

There had to be proper preparations before there was a meeting of the Group of Seven leading nations (G7) in the wake of the fall in international stock markets, Mr **Nigel Lawson**, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told MPs.

They had to be sure that *conditions* were right for all parties concerned to agree to *stabilization of the dollar.* That was an essential element, in his opinion, in avoiding recessionary dangers.

He hoped that there would be a meeting of the group before Christmas in the wake of the recent deal on the American budget deficit.

"We want *to make sure that* the US Congress will support the package which has been negotiated between their leaders and the Administration. That is to take place after the Thanksgiving holiday."

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, had asked why there had not been a G7 meeting within a week of the Washington deal's being reached, as Mr Lawson had predicted.

When would this very important meeting, which everyone was waiting for, be?

Why was the Chancellor resisting calls to reduce interest rates, which would do so very much to support British industry in what might be a difficult time ahead?

Mr Lawson replied that British industry was doing extremely well and was extremely confident about the future.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) asked if Mr Lawson would consider making further reductions in interest rates if the increasing strength of sterling started to affect the very buoyant level of British exports.

Mr Lawson said that he was always ready to consider reductions in interest rates when he thought them appropriate. Since the stock market collapse, interest rates had gone down by a full point.

"At the present time, I do not think that any further reduction is called for, but it is certainly something I will bear on mind."

It was a difficult time. They were all concerned that possible recessionary *influences might* come from the collapse and particularly *from the United* States.

There were still inflationary forces in the economy that had to be kept under control.

Mr William Cash (Stafford, C) drew his attention to two *reports published by the CBI,* one of which showed that exports and orders were *at their* highest level since 1977, as were investment intentions.

Mr Lawson replied that it was significant that these showed the confidence of industry undiminished by the stock market fall.

Labour onslaught over exports

Imports had increased by 81 per cent, while exports of manufactured goods had risen by only 34 per cent. **Mr Jeremy Bray** (Motherwell South, Lab) said in exchanges about the growth of manufactured exports since 1981.

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, while agreeing that was "entirely true", said: That is hardly *surprising — we are growing* faster than our competitors.

Earlier, he reminded MPs that the nation's growth in productivity since 1979 had been about 4 per cent a year, the fastest of all the big industrial countries.

Now, the Confederation of British Industry was pointing out that productivity and output were good.

Mr Gordon Brown, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury matters, disagreed.

On monthly figures available to him, manufacturing output *and industrial production were* starting to fall and the manufac*turing trade deficit* was the worst ever. Even the CBI were *predicting that unemployment* would start rising early in 1988.

Mr Major, amid loud Labour protests, contended that Mr Brown had got all his facts wrong.

"When he produces the right *information,* I will respond to him."

Thatcher fighting back with health service statistics

PRIME MINISTER

Mrs Thatcher met noisy Labour criticism of her attitude to the health service and the waiting lists of babies and others for operations with statistics about increased numbers of nurses and doctors since the Government took office, and the fact that the taxpayer was paying much more for the service.

Mrs Joan Ruddock (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) said that *after the controversy over the* heart operation on the baby David Barber, "roughly 34 children's lives have been similarly *at risk and one has died* while waiting for a bed.

"The catastrophic nurse shortage arises because of their miserable pay and conditions (Labour cheers).

Did agency nurses have to be brought into the hospital for that operation to take place?

Mrs Thatcher: *There are* 64,000 more nurses and midwives now than there were in the lifetime of the last Labour Government. The number looking after intensive care cots rose by 127 per cent between 1981 and 1986.

That shows an enormous improvement in the services available.

I am not certain whether she is aware that the number of *deaths of children in the first* seven days after birth is down by *a third.*

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) asked what advice the Prime Minister would give to the parents of the other 34 children, in the light of the fact that David Barber had been operated upon only as a result of a tremendous amount *of publicity arranged by his* parents.

"It is about time she shook herself out of her arrogance and complacency in dealing with *this matter",* he said to Labour cheers and Conservative pro-protests.

Mrs Thatcher: David Barber received his operation and it has gone well. The hospital has coped very well.

I have already indicated that the number of paediatric nurses — (Labour protests).

I shall give the facts. What we can do is governed by the professional skill available.

That has greatly increased over the past eight years — doctors, nurses and paediatric nurses — and Mr Wareing does less than justice to the work of that increasing number. It might be better to congratulate them on their work.

Miss Clare Short (Birmingham, *Ladywood, Lab):* What will she do about the desperate health situation in Birmingham? Not one baby, but many, are *waiting for months* for operations, and cancer patients are also waiting for treatment.

I have a constituent with *secondary cancer who has not* been taken in because beds are *temporarily closed.*

Kidney patients who came down from Birmingham yesterday know that there is not enough money for their treatment after April, and they fear that they will die.

Everyone in Birmingham, and in the country, knows that there is not enough money.

She asked the Prime Minister to stop making party political points — (laughter) — and instead to give a pledge that there would be more money.

"The situation is desperate and people are dying because of lack of money in the health service."

Mrs Thatcher: She and everyone else knows that greater provision can only be made out of greater growth in the economy, and that is what is provided by the Government.

The many more nurses and specialist nurses, and the greater number of patients treated were paid for, not by the Treasury or *some mythical person, but by* the taxpayer.

"When we came to power, the taxpayer was paying — that is the average family . . .

In general Opposition protests, **Mr Andrew Faulds** (Warley East, Lab) shouted: We don't want your figures. They are *dying.*

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): He must contain himself.

Mrs Thatcher: The service is *not free. It is paid for by the* taxpayer. The average family in *1979 contributed £11 a week to* the health service — £570 a year (Labour protests).

Now — if I can make myself heard — the average family is *contributing £29 a week, or* £1,500 a year.

They are paying for the health service. Their money has gone to increase the number of hospitals, doctors and nurses and they are doing a very good job, increasing the number of *patients they treat.*

● The Prime Minister clashed heatedly *with Mr Neil Kinnock,* the Leader of the Opposition, *over yesterday's announcement* on proposed health service reforms, which include the abolition of free dental checks and eye tests.

Mr Kinnock asked her whether, if charges were imposed on a service which was previously free, people would be more inclined to use it, or less.

Mrs Thatcher replied amid Labour interruptions: I *do not* believe it will make very much *difference.*

She said that the records showed that after big increases *imposed for dental care by the* Labour Government in 1966 *and 1977, and some imposed by* Conservatives, the number of *courses of treatment in England* had gone up from 29 million in *1979 to 32 million last year.*

Mr Kinnock said the figures, and indeed the practitioners, did not agree with Mrs Thatcher about the effect of charges.

Mrs Thatcher repeated that Labour had imposed big increases in dental charges during the 1970s.

In 1977, the Government increased the maximum charge for routine treatment by more than 40 per cent.

Labour had also increased the charge for a course of treatment by 150 per cent and the cost of a set of dentures by more than 67 per cent.

The cost of some dentures had gone up by more than 150 per cent at that time.

The rise in the number of courses of *treatment to 32* million last year was against a *background when many* children had no dental decay, largely *because of the inclusion of* fluoride in water and toothpaste.

Education Bill appeal by Heath

An appeal for more par*liamentary debate on the second* reading of the Education Re*form Bill was made during* business questions by **Mr Edward Heath** (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C).

He said that this was a Bill that the Government rightly claimed was a radical transformation of the education system. It consisted of 145 clauses and 11 schedules.

In time of war, when there were far fewer people in the House, the Butler Bill had two full days of discussion. It was then remitted to the floor of the House, where it had 14 days of discussion.

It would be doing the Government, as well as MPs, a service if two full days debate were offered, instead of one.

Mr Wakeham: That is not a matter for me.

Supporters' revolt 'is in prospect'

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The Government is facing a potential grassroots Conservative revolt over its education Bill, Mr Leon Brittan, the former Cabinet minister, said last night.

Its far-reaching proposals are in danger of being interpreted as a wholesale assault on council schools and so alienating Tory activists.

Implying a change in ministerial rhetoric *about local* government, Mr Brittan said that not every council should be tarred with the same brush as *the extremists of Liverpool or* Lambeth. Many were doing an excellent job and that should be recognized.

The former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Conservative MP for Richmond, Yorkshire, sounded the alarm over the clause to allow schools to opt out of local authority control. Last week, a Labour survey of 22 Tory councils replying to the Government's *consultations* over the Bill disclosed that only six supported opting out.

Mr Brittan told Guildford Young Conservatives: "Almost every aspect of the Bill is open to misrepresentation, but amply *justifiable if properly explained* and applied in the right way.

"That is why it is so vital to *present the Bill as a constructive* and imaginative push towards higher standards and greater choice, and not to allow it to be misrepresented as a wholesale condemnation of the considerable achievements of local authority schools over much, if not most, of the country.

"*In those parts of the country* where the extremist policies of *local authorities have lost them*



Mr Leon Brittan: "Not all councils are extremist".

the confidence of parents, it is entirely right that a way out should be provided.

"But if the support of the *Conservative Party in the country* is to be solid behind these proposals, it is very important to show also that we realize that not every council is a Liverpool or a Lambeth.

"That is why support for this Bill will be much increased if we make clear at the outset that our objective is not to wrench apart the whole system of local authority education."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has said she expects most schools to forsake the local authority umbrella and Mr Kenneth Baker, *Secretary of State for Education* and Science, has said he expects many to do so.

Mr Brittan took a markedly different line, describing the opt-out clause as a "safety valve" for parents confronted with recalcitrant schools and a way of prodding local authorities into making amends.

Unrest on slaughter measure

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Animal welfare groups are divided over Miss Emma Nicholson's Slaughter of Deer Bill, which tightens controls for the killing of farmed red deer in abattoirs.

Ideally, the welfare lobby *wants to stop all slaughter of* deer in abattoirs because of the *trauma for the animals and,* instead, to have the animals shot by marksmen on the farm. Thirty per cent of farmed deer are killed in slaughterhouses without welfare controls.

The new Conservative MP for West Devon and Torridge has drawn eighth in the private members' ballot and, because her Bill is supported by the Government, it stands a good chance of being enacted.

Miss Nicholson hopes that the measure will help her local *farmers, now living under milk* quotas and other restrictions, to find an alternative income. Demand for venison from supermarkets is growing.

She pointed out that her Bill will allow only specially licensed abattoirs to slaughter kill deer off the farm with each animal penned and killed separately in the presence of a veterinary surgeon. It also applies to Scotland.

Animal Aid and Compassion in World Farming, which oppose all slaughter in abattoirs, *are against* the Bill, but the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) welcomed it as at least "half a loaf".

The RSPCA added: "This is an area which desperately needs tightening up. What we would like is for all deer to be *slaughtered on the farm."*

Statue agreed for Lord Dowding

The Government has agreed that a statue of the late Lord Dowding, head of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, should be erected in London, **Lord Belstead**, Minister of State for Environment, announced during questions in the House of Lords.

He told **Lord Boyd-Carpenter** (C) that the Government had been doing all that it could to ensure that a suitable site was found.

After discussions with the Royal Fine Arts Commission, a site beside St Clement Danes — the RAF church — was being investigated.

The church authorities decided this week that a formal application may be made.

The next step will be for the organizers to make a formal application to Westminster Council for planning approval.

He added that it was hoped that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother would unveil the statue.



Lord Dowding

Speaker to consider 'Spycatcher' request

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) is to decide if a *judge's ruling that comments in* the House of Commons could not be reported in newspapers for the duration of a court case — regarding the *Spycatcher* affair — touched upon parliamentary privilege.

The matter arose on a point of order from **Mr Dale Campbell-Savours** (Workington, Lab). The case involved the Attorney General versus *The Guardian* and *The Observer.* The newspapers' lawyer had asked if journalists could report what had been said in Parliament on July 21, 1986, in relation to the Peter Wright case.

Counsel for the Crown had said that it would be wrong because that would defeat the *purpose of the exercise* before the court. The judge had agreed, adding that newspapers should not report statements previously made.

The judge had ruled that Commons proceedings could not be reported in relation to a case currently taking place — proceedings which took place one-and-a-half years ago."

He asked Mr Weatherill to overturn the judgement.

The Speaker asked Mr Campbell-Savours to write to him on the matter. He would look into it to see if it touched upon the privilege of the House.

House of Lords debate

EastEnders' good example

The following report of a House of Lords debate on alcohol abuse appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Government had no plans either to amend the legal levels of alcohol permitted or to alter the period of a ban for drinking and driving, **Lord Skelmersdale**, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said in the debate.

He added that the television soap opera *EastEnders* set a good example in that characters were *frequently seen drinking* non-alcoholic drinks.

Viscount of Falkland (SDP) opening the debate, said that there was scarcely a society that did not have recourse to a psychoactive drug of some sort and, in British society, alcohol was acceptable while used sensibly. Unfortunately it was abused.

Alcohol cost industry £1,500 million a year in absenteeism, accidents and early retirements, and the cost to the National Health Service could not be less than £100 million a year.

It played a part in child abuse, road accidents, crime and the break up of marriages.

In a maiden speech, **Lord Dormand of Easington** (Lab) said *that the law should be* changed to bring in random breath testing of drivers. Drivers must be made aware that there was a considerable possibility of being tested.

Last year 1,100 people died as the result of drinking and driving and during the debate four more people would have been killed.

The Government spent much time and resources on the drug problem and yet 10 times as many teenagers were killed by alcohol as were by heroin.

The Bishop of Gloucester, Dr John Yates, said that most Christians believed that alcohol was part of the natural creation and not therefore in itself evil. The Bible was ambivalent on the issue.

Lady Masham of Ilton (Ind), who chaired a *Home Office* working party on alcohol, young people and crime, said that alcohol abuse had killed one of her in-laws and she was once attacked in her car by a drunk. Her son had recently been attacked and injured by four American drunks near Piccadilly.

Lord Rea (Lab) said that, as a doctor, every day he saw the *results of heavy drinking.* Members of his family had suffered *from alcoholism. One had* committed suicide and another *had tried to throw himself off* Westminster Bridge and had later died of cirrhosis of the liver.

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein (C) said that alcohol was not the evil that everybody made out it was. It was part of the social fabric and Britain was not a very drunken nation. A moderate intake was beneficial.

For the Opposition, Lord **Ennals** said he could not understand why the Government had chosen this time to introduce a *Bill* to extend public house opening hours. It was also *disgraceful that the Courage* brewery planned to take over sponsorship of the FA Cup.

Attack on low performance

The scale of Britain's foreign investment substituted for export trade and that was one of the underlying reasons for low *export performance in manufac*turing, **Mr Stuart Holland**, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said *during question time.*

Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that he did not think that many people shared Mr Holland's view. Britain had very substantial earnings each year, in excess of £5 billion.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Housing Bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Education Reform Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debates on Opposition motions on the economy and on protecting lives in the community. Motions on the establishment of select committees.
Thursday: Debate on Public Accounts Committee reports for 1985-86 and 1986-87.
Friday: Debate on backbench motion on Cyprus.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, first day.
Tuesday: Criminal Justice Bill, third reading.
Wednesday: Debate on the world economy.
Thursday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, second day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): *Debate on* private Member's motion *on* freedom of the press.

WHITE PAPER: EMBRYO RESEARCH

Changing genes of test tube babies will be criminal offence

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A ban on genetically manipulating human embryos is being proposed by the Government, in a White Paper published yesterday.

If the proposals become law, it will become a criminal offence to use spare embryos obtained during test tube baby treatments for research into cloning or genetic alteration.

However, the new law could allow for a restricted degree of research in one of four possible categories. The work would be subject to a statutory licence.

In addition, scientists would have to demonstrate that the research could lead to improvements in the treatment of infertility; in knowledge of the factors causing congenital disease; in the detection of gene or chromosome abnormalities before implantation; and in forms of contraception.

The document makes clear the Government's intention to ban any research that could open the way to a world in which people are created to order.

Experiments will be monitored by a statutory licensing authority established to regulate and monitor test tube baby clinics.

However, a ban is intended on any research involving genetic manipulation of the embryo, production of genetically identical individuals through cloning or the fusion of human and animals cells.

The White Paper said: "One of the greatest causes of public disquiet has been the perceived possibility that newly developed techniques will allow the artificial creation of human beings with certain pre-determined characteristics through modification of an embryo's genetic structure.

"The technical prospects for achieving this are in fact extremely remote.

"Nevertheless, it is a procedure which society would clearly regard as ethically unacceptable and the Bill will prohibit it."

The extent of the permitted research is a matter on which the Government expects possible amendments. In fact, the White Paper has two alternative draft clauses, one making it a criminal offence to carry out any research, the other permitting licensed research projects.

The permitted research is then described as covering projects restricted to bringing about advances in diagnostic or therapeutic techniques, or in fertility control.

The Government will allow MPs a free vote on this as it believes it is a matter of individual conscience. If MPs decide to allow research, it will be limited to the first 14 days of the embryo's existence.

The White Paper says "those who favour the continuation of embryo research argue that it offers very important benefits, for example in the improvement of infertility treatment itself and in detecting genetic disorders.

"Opponents of research argue that from the point of conception, embryos have the same status as a child or an adult and it is improper to conduct research, whatever its benefits for others, that would lead to their eventual destruction."



Family of 'Baby Cotton' delighted

By India Knight

The first baby born to a commercial surrogate mother in Britain was "Baby Cotton", born in January 1985 amid controversy after her surrogate mother, Mrs Kim Cotton, was artificially inseminated by the child's father.

The baby was returned to her biological father and his infertile wife 10 days after her birth. Mrs Cotton was paid a fee of £6,500.

Almost three years later, the child is said to be doing "marvellously" by Mr Derek Kirby-Jones, the biological father's solicitor, who is in contact with the family, believed to be wealthy Americans.

"The family is flourishing and delighted and everything has gone marvellously well", Mr Kirby-Jones said last night.

"This really was one of the most successful surrogacy cases ever. Kim Cotton is remarkably balanced emotionally."

Mrs Cotton, speaking last night from her home in north London, agreed and added that she was happy with her own family and has no interest in finding out about the child she once carried.

No legal rights for parents of surrogate child

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Parents who commission a surrogacy arrangement will have no legal rights over the child and surrogacy contracts will be unenforceable in the courts, according to controversial proposals in the White Paper.

The recommendations which will give surrogate mothers the right to keep any children they bear will deter most childless couples from using surrogacy arrangements as a way of having a family.

The document makes clear that any woman who bears a child after artificial insemination by donor or embryo donation will be its legal mother.

"Legislation will also make clear that the donors of the gametes or embryos will have no parental rights or duties in relation to the child."

Although the Government has decided not to outlaw surrogacy arrangements other than those organized by commercial agencies, its decision to give the surrogate mother legal rights to the child will make it virtually impossible for the commissioning parents to adopt the child if the carrying mother pursues her rights.

The document also emphasizes that the forthcoming Bill will not include any provision to licence non-commercial surrogacy agencies and that any contract drawn up in such an arrangement will be unenforceable in the UK courts.

As a result of the outcry after the Baby Cotton case in January 1985 the Government rushed through the Surrogacy Arrangement Act, which bans commercial surrogacy arrangements. Under the Act, only third parties are liable but the surrogate mother and commissioning parents are free from prosecution even when the arrangement is made through a commercial agency.

"We do not at present propose to extend the criminal law any further in this field of surrogacy but intend that the statutory licensing authority should be asked to examine the practice of surrogacy so that Parliament can review the situation from time to time on the basis of informed advice", the paper says.

Test-tube clinics face tight controls

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Tougher statutory controls are to be imposed on in vitro fertilization units and clinics undertaking embryo research.

They will have to obtain licences for each technique they carry out.

The White Paper has accepted the Warnock committee recommendation to set up an independent statutory licensing authority to monitor and control these clinics.

It will be a criminal offence to create, use or store a human embryo outside the body without an appropriate licence from the licensing authority.

It will be forbidden to use eggs or sperm donated by a third party to create an embryo within the human body without a licence.

The proposals fall short of the Warnock recommendations that the licensing authority should license those offering treatment and all premises involved in providing these services or storage facilities. The Government says this would be too cumbersome.

The licensing authority will instead be expected to grant five-year licences for each programme of infertility services. The licence will be held by the person in charge of the programme and relate to the services offered.

Licences would also be granted to individuals for storing embryos, eggs and sperm where no clinical services are carried out, such as sperm banks.

The new authority will replace the existing voluntary licensing authority established two years ago after concern over in vitro fertilization developments.

The exisisting licensing authority has no statutory powers and is widely considered to have no teeth. Clinics can continue to practise even if their licence is withdrawn.

The new authority will "regulate and monitor practice in relation to those sensitive areas which raise fundamental ethical questions."

The White Paper says this will go beyond medical and professional ethical questions to wider ethical issues such as "the artificial creation of life outside the body."

The White Paper proposes that the new authority should be chaired by someone who is not a doctor or a scientist involved in the field and that at least half the members should be lay people.

The licensing authority will have to maintain a register of information about egg, sperm and embryo donors which would be accessible to children born by these techniques.

Embryo storage to be under legal controls

By Our Science Editor

The storage of embryos, unfertilized eggs and sperm will in future come under legal controls. The regulations will cover the length of time of maximum storage, the terms of mandatory written agreements from both donors, ownership in the event of their death and the possibility of the sales of embryos.

The White Paper argues that long-term storage of human gametes and embryos gives rise to complex ethical and legal problems.

Over a period of time, donors may become dificult to trace, or may die, leaving problems about the use or disposal of embryos.

Difficulties over rights of succession could arise, for example, if a woman wished to be inseminated with her husband's stored sperm after his death, or if she wished to have a stored embryo transferred to her womb.

The Government proposes a limit of five years on storage. Storage needs the written consent of both donors. The "storage authority" has no right of use or disposal unless granted by the donors.

Embryos may not be implanted into another woman, nor used for research, nor destroyed without the consent of both donors. If there is disagreement between the donors the embryo will be left to perish.

When giving consent to storage, donors should indicate use of embryos and gametes by their partners should they die.

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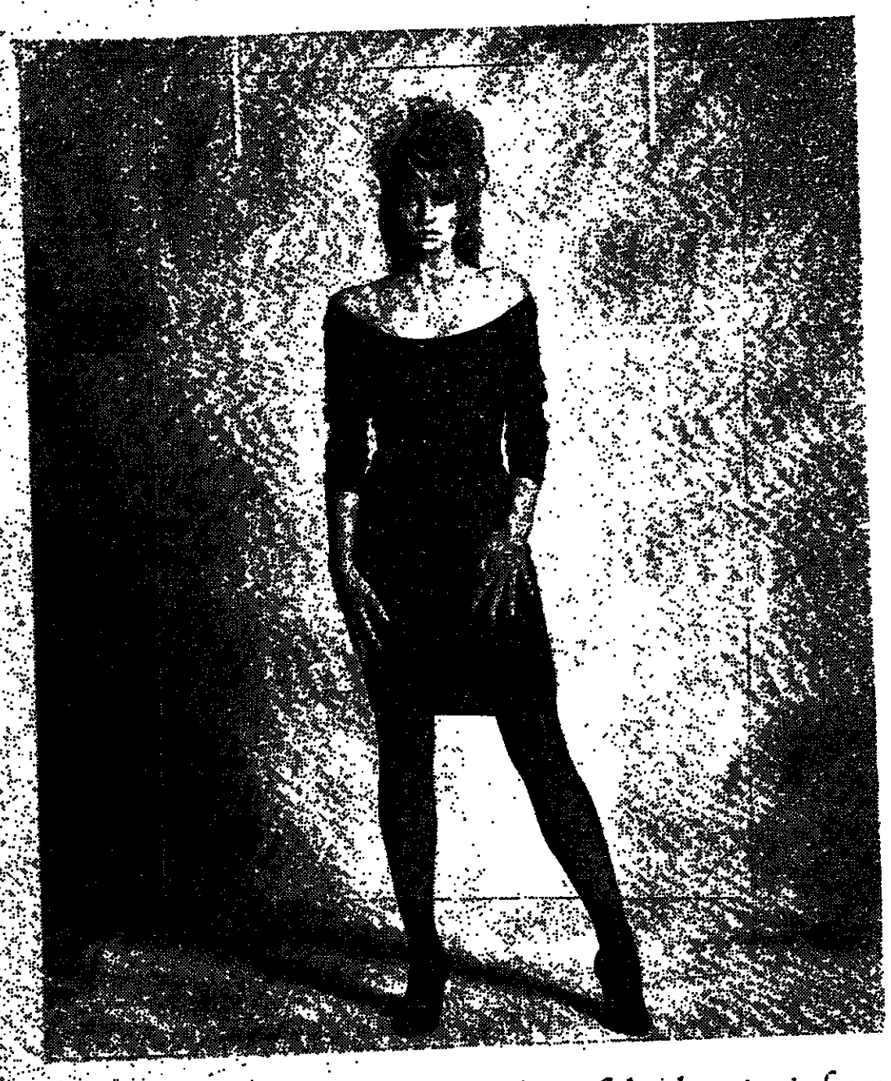
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Graduates' job prospects are the best for 15 years

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Job prospects for graduates are better than they have been for 15 years and the outlook is even more encouraging, according to a report published yesterday by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services.

More than 90 per cent of last year's graduates who were looking for a job found one within six months, the report says. Most of the rest were employed within the next six months.

"More employers are recruiting graduates, some for the first time. The number of vacancies for graduates has increased. In part, these developments result from the gradually improving economic situation, in part from a recognition of the need for a better-educated workforce in which graduates will have crucial roles to play", the report says.

The demand is strongest for graduates qualified in electronics and communications engineering, computer applications, systems engineering, and chemical engineering. Demand is strong, too, for physics and mathematics graduates and for those with a knowledge of mechanical and production engineering.

However, the report says that in choosing degree courses, students appear to be ignoring both where the demand lies and the Government's attempts to meet manpower needs by making more places available on science, engineering and technology courses at the expense of arts and social science places.

It discloses that the demand for university mathematics courses fell by 30 per cent between 1983 and 1986, the demand for physics courses by 25 per cent, for civil engineering, computer studies, chemistry and biochemistry by 15 per cent, and for mechanical engineering by 10 per cent.

Mr Pat Raderecht, the chairman of the association, said: "Students' interest in these subjects is declining at the very time the Government is increasing the number of places available. One reason is the shortage of high-quality maths and science teaching in schools. Another is that society's perception of engineers and scientists, as measured by their pay and status, is rather low."

The report notes that the growing student demand for places in other subjects is closely in tune with employers' requirements. The demand for university accountancy places rose by 50 per cent between 1983 and 1986, for economics by 35 per cent, and for business management by 30 per cent.

The demand by employers for those who have specialized in business and management studies remains strong, the report says. "Accountancy, banking, insurance, building societies and City of London financial institutions have a continued and expanding need for graduates. Subjects with a clear numerical content tend to have a better employment rate."

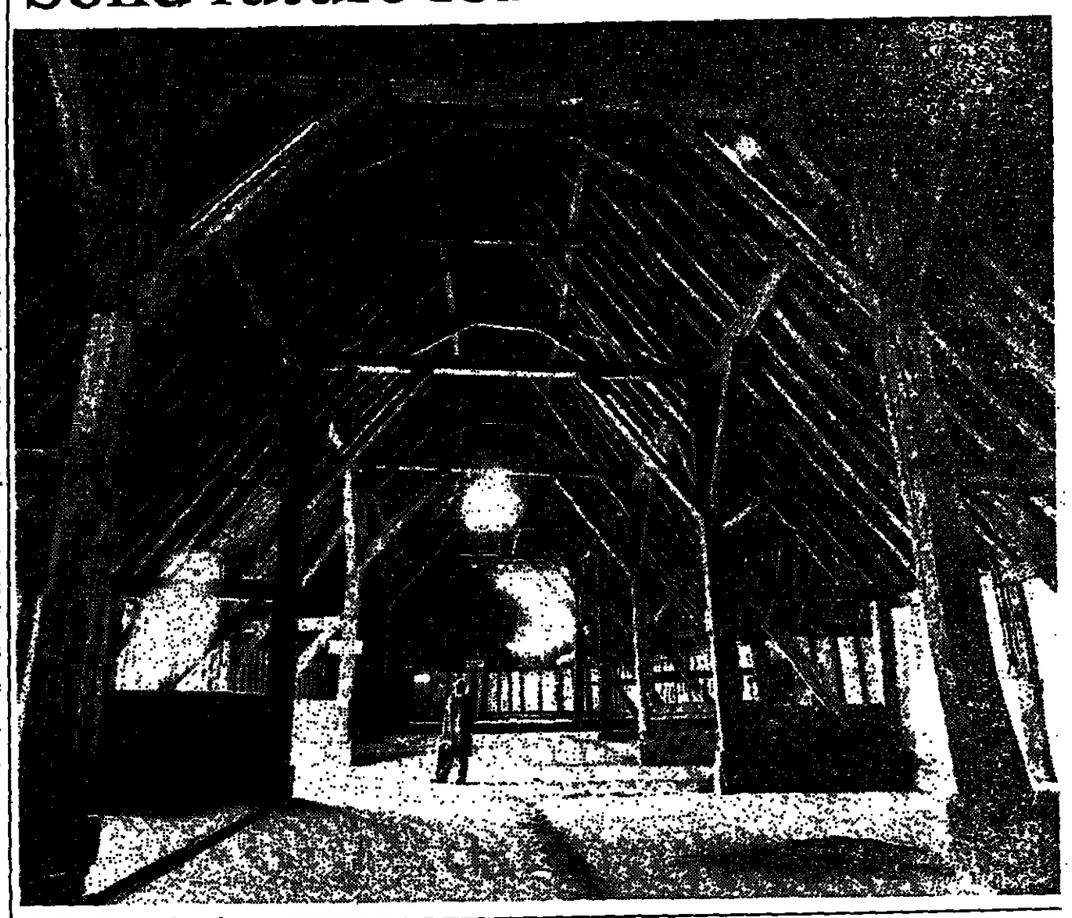
Polytechnic graduates in non-vocational subjects experienced the highest unemployment rates, the report says. Six months after graduating, 20 per cent of those who studied English were unemployed, as were 18.5 per cent of those who studied sociology, 18 per cent of those who studied physics, and 17 per cent of those who studied history.

● Some universities are failing to protect freedom of speech on campus as required by last year's Education Act, according to Mr Ray Honeyford, the former Bradford head teacher who resigned his job after a lengthy race dispute.

The Freedom Association is taking legal advice on action to ensure enforcement of the freedom of speech law.

What do Graduates do? (Hobsons Publishing plc, Bateman Street, Cambridge CB2 1LZ; £1.75, plus 50p p&p).

Solid future for medieval barns



Mr Jim Boutwood, assistant county architect, inside the Wheat Barn, one of two Essex barns considered to be among the finest medieval buildings in England and which have received conservation grants totalling £70,000 from the EEC.

Mr Boutwood said: "The barns' future is now safeguarded". Essex County Council bought the two barns at Cressing Temple, near Braintree, for £300,000

(Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Heads resist Baker reforms

Head teachers are prepared to adopt "passive resistance" tactics against aspects of the national curriculum proposals set out in the Education Bill published last week by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education (Sarah Thompson writes).

The 29,000-strong National Association of Head Teachers is employing a professional parliamentary lobbyist to press MPs to support substantial changes to the Bill.

Among their objections is that the Bill does not take account of the need for 9,000 new teachers, costing nearly £100 million, to teach the foundation subjects to all pupils. The Bill estimates the extra cost of the national curriculum at £33 million.

The Bill gives the secretary of state powers to specify attainment targets, programmes of study, and arrangements for assessment in relation to the 10 core and foundation subjects in the national curriculum.

But Mr Michael Pipes, president of the association, said many head teachers felt better qualified to judge what was appropriate for their schools. "Some will say that in their classrooms they are going to carry on doing things their way", he said. "They will be doing nothing illegal; it will be passive resistance."

The heads would also press for parents at local primary schools to be allowed to vote on whether a secondary school opts out of local authority control.

The association is calling for training for heads who have to manage their school budgets, for the national curriculum itself to be cut down to only five core subjects, and for testing to be continuous and not to contain any pass/fail element.

Birkbeck finds cash fight ally

Birkbeck College, central London, which is facing a severe financial crisis, has won the support of London University for its campaign to secure an extra government subsidy of £600,000 a year (John Clare writes).

The university court said yesterday that it accepted that the college, which has nearly 2,700 part-time students, risked becoming insolvent next year unless it received a substantial increase in funds.

UK link to space university

Leading industrialists and space technologists are meeting at the Royal Aeronautical Society in London today to establish the British end of a new foundation, the International Space University (Pearce Wright writes).

The group, which will form the trustees, includes Mr Roy Gibson, former director general of the National Space Centre and now special adviser to the International Maritime Satellite Organization, and Dr Geoffrey Pardoe, of General Technology Systems.

The space university, formed with grants of 170,000 and 50,000 dollars from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was the idea of three American scientists.

This month the university is enrolling for its first courses, planned for next summer at Boston. There are 100 places, including 12 promised for students from the United Kingdom. Italy and Canada have selected candidates. Japan, China and India have expressed interest.

Banknote artist cleared

By Andrew Morgan

Mr James Boggs, the American artist who specializes in drawing banknotes, promised to continue bringing the wonder of numbers to the world after being cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of reproducing the notes without permission.

The Bank of England had brought a private prosecution against Mr Boggs, aged 32, of Denning Road, Hampstead, north-west London.

It claimed he had reproduced a £10, £5 and two £1 notes without permission under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981.

Female members of the jury embraced and kissed Mr Boggs outside the court. He claimed that his works were original works of art and not reproductions.

Mr Graham Kentfield, of the Bank of England, said: "This will not be seen as a precedent. Each application to reproduce banknotes will be judged individually."

Mr Mark Stephens, for Mr Boggs, said he had been given a £5 drawing in lieu of his fees.

Three new charges in bride case

New charges were brought yesterday against John Cannan, aged 33, the businessman accused of kidnapping the missing Bristol bride of one month, Mrs Shirley Banks.

In a brief appearance before Bristol magistrates he was additionally charged with offences including maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm and indecent assault. They are alleged to have happened in Sutton Coldfield on December 30, 1980.

Mr Cannan, of Foye House, Bridge Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol, was remanded in custody until Tuesday.

He was previously charged with kidnapping Mrs Banks, aged 29, and stealing her car.

Appeal win

A health authority appeal against a £11,570 High Court damages award to Garrie Mose, aged 11, of Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, who suffered nerve damage to his right leg after a routine operation, was allowed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Weekend food prices

Meat costs more as weather chills

The onset of colder winter weather is reflected in the gradual rise in meat prices, particularly beef and lamb. However, an average purchase will be less than 10p higher than a few weeks ago.

Chuck and braising steak at an average £1.76 a pound is the same as last week and is on special offer at some shops. A steak and kidney mixture for pies and puddings is reasonably priced between £1.28 and £1.49 a pound and could be improved by replacing ox kidney with the more tender lamb's kidney. Fore-rib on the bone costs about £1.52 a pound and boneless sirloin £2.91 a pound.

Home produced lamb is down a couple of pence to an average £1.75 a pound and best end chops are good value at £1.83. New Zealand lamb leg is slightly cheaper at £1.43 a pound with a range of £1.29 to £1.59 a pound and all other cuts are unchanged.

Whole leg of pork could be an economical choice for the weekend at around £1.08 a pound or boneless rolled shoulder at £1.24 a pound.

Fish supplies should be good for the weekend but prices have risen. Although large cod and herring are stable at an average £1.94 a pound and 86p a pound, shoppers could pay as much as 9p to 10p a pound more for plaice and Dover sole and 5p more for lemon sole.

At Billingsgate shellfish are abundant with mussels about 50p a pint, oysters £5.90 a dozen, queen scallops 50p each and langoustines £4.99 a pound.

Brussel sprouts are the best vegetable buy at between 20p and 30p a pound. The cold spell has helped keep the buds tight and improved the flavour. Widely available are carrots at 14p to 24p a pound, parsnips 15p to 35p a pound, swedes 16p to 18p a pound, mushrooms 40p to 60p a half pound, and cauliflowers 40p to 60p each.

Everyone needs the protection of vitamin C to stave off colds and flu and eating lots of sweet juicy citrus fruit is so much nicer than popping a vitamin pill. Superb clementines at 25p to 35p a pound, satsumas 26p to 40p a pound and oranges 10pto 30p each, are all plentiful. Grapes are cheap at the moment from 45p to 65p a pound, although not as perfect in appearance as earlier in the autumn.

English celery at 60p to 80p a head is near the end of its season but is being replaced by produce from Carmel at 40p to 60p a head. There are adequate supplies of Chinese leaves 40p to 75p a head, iceberg lettuce 75p to £1 a head, watercress 30p to 40p a bunch and good value tomatoes at 45p to 65p a pound.

Some special offers at shops and supermarkets include Sainsbury's fresh chicken up to 3½ pound in weight 59p a pound and braising steak £1.64 a pound. Safeway sirloin steak £2.98 a pound and Chukie frozen turkeys 56p a pound. Asda fresh chicken 59p a pound, sirloin steak £2.89 a pound. Dewhurst whole shoulders of New Zealand lamb 79p a pound and pork chops £1.49 a pound. Bejam topside top rump and silverside joints £1.69 a pound and pork half leg knuckle joint 99p a pound.

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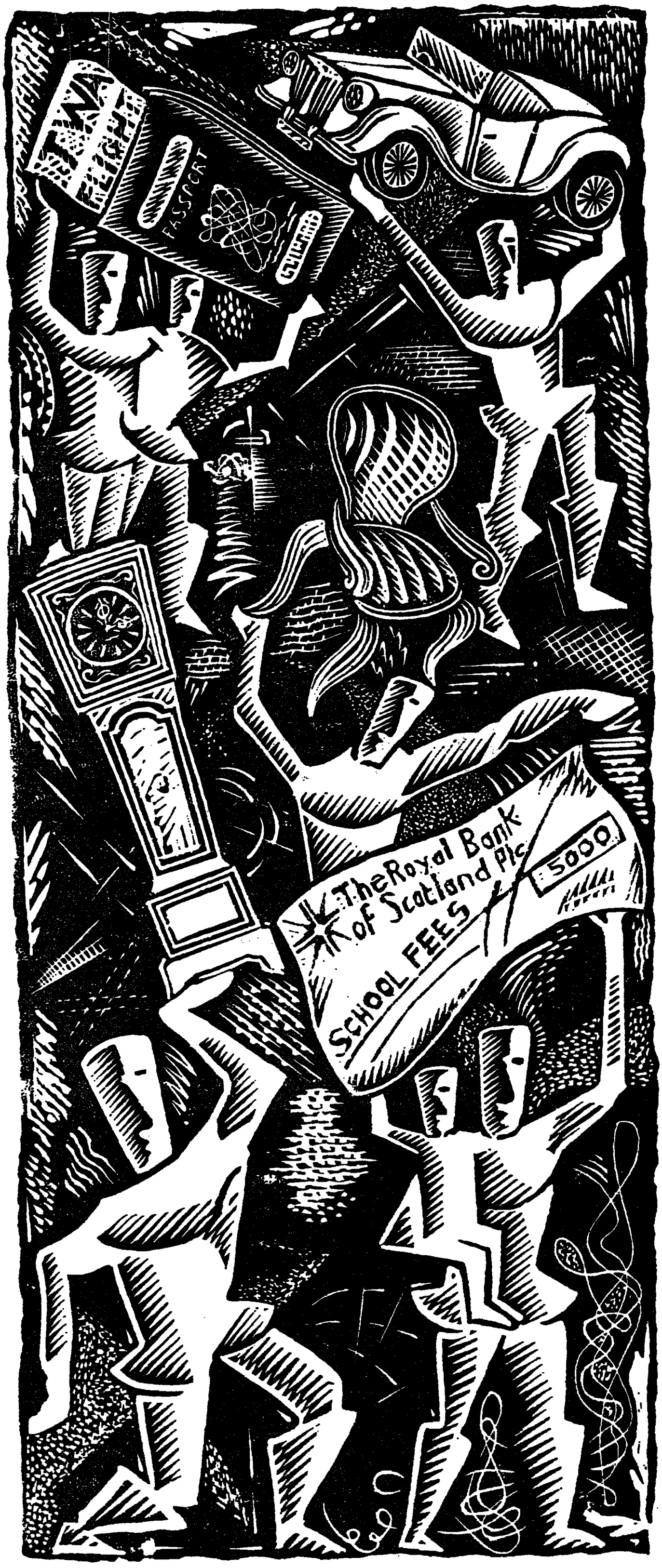
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WORLD SUMMARY

Jail tension rises as food runs low

Atlanta – Hundreds of heavily armed police and troops stood by yesterday as government negotiators tried to end two prison uprisings by Cubans fearful of repatriation (Christopher Thomas writes).

About 1,000 inmates at maximum-security Atlanta penitentiary, Georgia, continued to hold 94 prison staff as hostages to back demands for amnesty, while at a detention centre in Oakdale, Louisiana, prisoners are holding 28 staff.

Special army teams have moved into position, but officials say they will not attack unless hostages are hurt. Food is in short supply and police have monitored messages between inmates suggesting that tensions are rising.

UN effort founders

New York – Iran's repeated failure to make good on a promise to send a peace mission to New York has worn down the patience of Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar (Charles Bremner writes). The UN Secretary-General is on the verge of dropping his attempts to negotiate a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

Officials say he has come round to the view of the three Western powers on the Security Council – Britain, the United States and France – that Iran has little intention of complying with the 10-point peace plan ordered by the Council last July. Tehran has said its team will arrive next week.

Promise by rebels

Manila – The leaders of the attempted coup in the Philippines in August were reported yesterday to have said that they had ended their attempts to overthrow the Government (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

The announcement came in a letter addressed to "Our countrymen" and sent by the "Soldiers of the Filipino People". It was unsigned, but has been authenticated by sources close to the military rebels. The authors said they had decided "unequivocally and unconditionally to desist from any hostile action against the Government". There has been no response from the presidential palace.

Opposition leads poll

Paramaribo (AP) – A three-party opposition coalition in Surinam, formerly the colony of Dutch Guiana, was winning by a landslide in unofficial returns yesterday, after the first national elections since Commander Desi Bouterse's band of army sergeants seized power in 1980.

The Front for Democracy and Development appeared to have won between 38 and 40 of the 51 seats in the National Assembly, and most municipal and provincial council seats. The returns confirmed the lack of popular support for military rule and the National Democratic Party.

Pressure on Ershad

Dhaka – President Ershad of Bangladesh, under pressure to resign by militant opposition groups threatening a 72-hour general strike at the weekend, sought to assure the nation that he was still in control as pro-government activists demonstrated their support yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

An estimated 30,000 supporters of the ruling Jatiyo Party, converged on central Dhaka in buses and lorries. Elsewhere the opposition prepared for a street procession with paraffin torches for canvassing support for the strike. President Ershad has expressed willingness to talk to the opposition leaders.

Colombo presses on

Colombo (Reuter) – Sri Lanka's Parliament voted yesterday to extend the state of emergency for a further month as Indian troops continued their drive to disarm Tamil guerrillas in northern and eastern areas.

MPs supported the extension after the acting Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mr M.D. Premaratne, said that political assassinations were on the increase in the south and rebel violence still flared in Tamil-dominated areas. He said there were 25 political murders in the month ending on November 20 and that most of the victims were officials or supporters of the ruling United National Party.

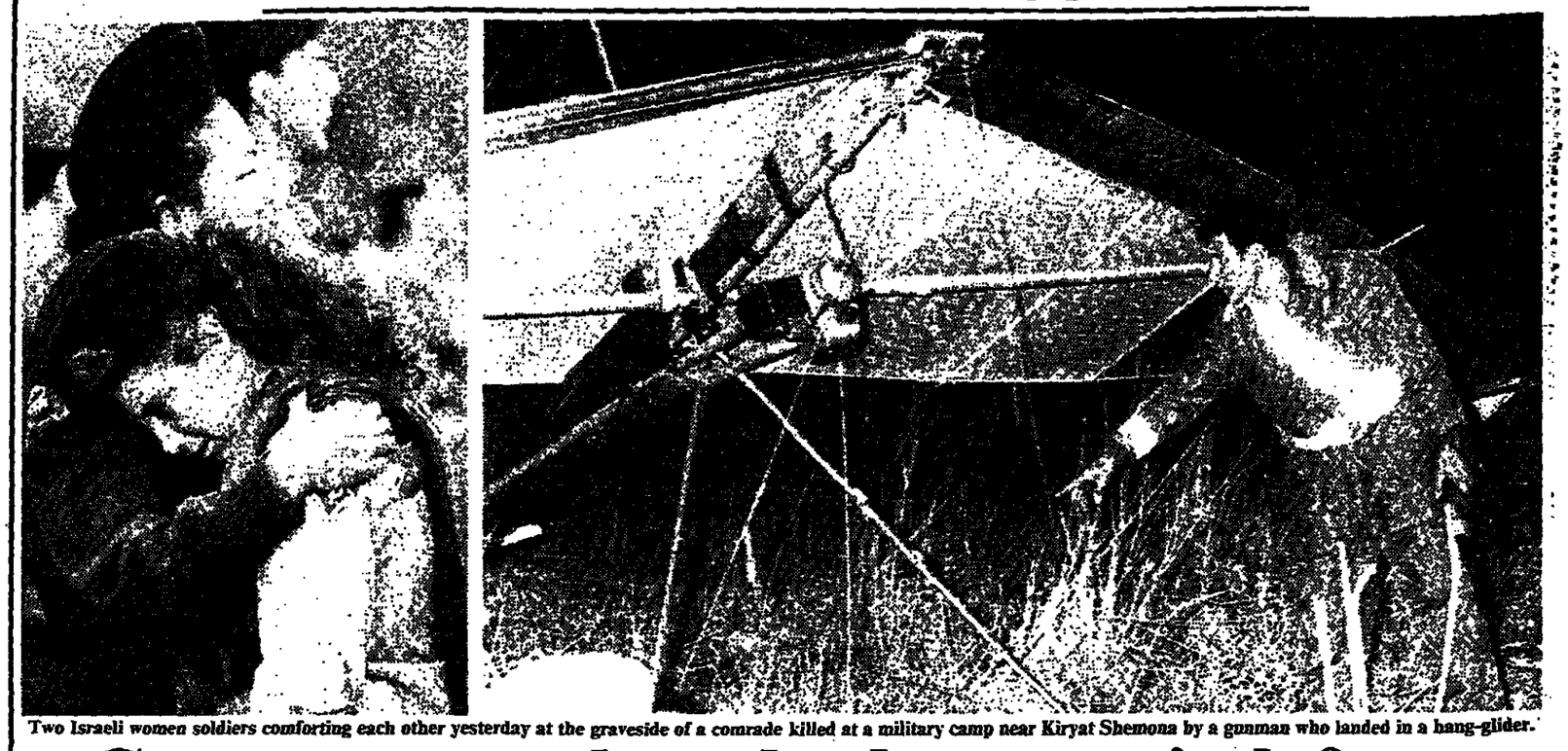
Contra counter-plan



Managua – The Nicaraguan Contras delivered a counter-proposal for a ceasefire to Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo (left) on Wednesday (A Correspondent writes).

Contra sources said they were proposing a ceasefire in which they would continue to bear arms in designated zones. The Cardinal, who is mediating in negotiations, will deliver the proposals to the Sandinista Government which wants the Contras to turn in arms on January 5.

Israel mourns soldiers who died in hang-glider attack



Two Israeli women soldiers comforting each other yesterday at the graveside of a comrade killed at a military camp near Kiryat Shemona by a gunman who landed in a hang-glider.

Government orders check-up on air defence

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A big review of Israel's sophisticated air defence systems has been ordered after they were penetrated late on Wednesday night by a frail, delta-winged hang-glider powered by a small, pull-start outboard motor and carrying a heavily armed Palestinian gunman.

The glider crossed the border north-east of the settlement of Kiryat Shemona and landed safely in a thorny field more than 1½ miles inside Israel.

According to Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, even though the hang-glider had been detected as it crossed the five-mile Israeli-controlled "security zone" inside Lebanon, troops in this sensitive border area were caught by surprise when the young pilot stormed into their camp, throwing grenades and firing his automatic rifle.

Before he was gunned down, he had killed six soldiers and wounded nine, making this the bloodiest single incident inside Israel for eight years. A gunman using another hang-glider landed nearly half a mile inside Lebanon, where he was killed by Israeli troops. General Dan Shomron, the Chief of Staff, said as he studied the glider in its landing field, that it was a characteristic suicide attack.

Kiryat Shemona, which has borne the brunt of cross-border Katyusha rocket attacks for years, knew another night of fear as news of the raid was broadcast by police cars touring the streets. The streets emptied and residents slept in the special reinforced security rooms or in the bomb shelters which every household has. In the morning parents were asked to keep their children away from school, while army units combed the surrounding countryside in case any other gliders had slipped through.

The raid appears to have started after nightfall when two gliders took off from somewhere to the north-east of the "security zone" and flew west at low level to where the source waters of the Jordan river turn south. The gliders seemed to have followed the river course, one of them coming down short of the border, but the other flying on to land near Gibor junction by the main road to Mount Hermon.

The pilot ambushed a passing army van, killing the officer driving it and wounding a woman soldier passenger. He headed south towards the farming community at Bet Hillel, suddenly coming across a temporary army camp.

Instead of heading for the town, where he might have taken civilian hostages, he attacked. Tossing five grenades into the tents, he opened fire with his Kalashnikov and a fierce gun battle lasted half an hour before he was shot dead.

Army sources said he had been carrying pamphlets which showed that his real mission had been to take civilian hostages against a series of Palestinian demands. Hundreds of troops poured into the area and began an intensive search.

Yesterday two groups claimed responsibility for the attack. One was the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (General Command), led by Ahmed Gibril, and the other the Palestine Liberation Front, led by Abu Abbas, whose group was responsible for two unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate Israel by air six years ago.

An emergency Cabinet meeting was called in Jerusalem yesterday.

● *SIDON: Israel yesterday kept Palestinians and Lebanese nervously guessing when and where it would strike to avenge the deaths (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).*

Although there were only routine Israeli military air and naval movements throughout the day, residents in southern Lebanon said they had no doubts that Israel is bracing for a big retaliatory operation.

Israel's reaction could become the most violent response since the invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The attack on Wednesday is being compared in magnitude to the hijacking of an Israeli bus in 1978 in which 33 passengers were killed.

Zhao bid to curb party role

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Zhao Ziyang, the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, called for thorough political reform in his first important policy speech published since coming to power this month.

Dominating the *People's Daily* yesterday, it attacked China's bureaucracy and emphasized the importance of stopping the party interfering in the daily affairs of industry and government.

The speech was made to a meeting of the party's Central Committee on October 14. Mr Zhao, appointed party General Secretary on November 2, said history had moved on since the 1949 revolution. Mass movements and a high degree of centralization were no longer suited to China's drive for modernization.

Diplomats said Mr Zhao's main aim was greater economic efficiency. At present, state firms have a two-tier management system: the party committee often gives managers orders that are economically unrealistic.

Ankara's conscripts fail to tame Kurdish guerrillas

From Michael Dynes, Diyarbakir, south-east Turkey

The military overlord of this south-eastern Anatolian garrison town, Mr Hayri Kozakcioglu, betrays no signs of apprehension at the likelihood of yet another Kurdish separatist act of violence timed to coincide with Turkey's impending general election.

Sitting in his palatial offices, surrounded with security guards mumbling into their walkie-talkies, Mr Kozakcioglu nodded his head. "There may be more terrorist outrages," he said. "The election is a good opportunity to cause trouble."

The Kurdish guerrillas, mainly from the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party, armed with Soviet-made AK47 Kalashnikovs, rockets and mortars, have been fighting a low-level, but none the less effective, campaign since they started their struggle for an autonomous Kurdistan in August, 1984.

With about 1,000 hard-core members and many thousands of passive supporters, they are able to exploit their knowledge of the region's hostile mountains to harass army patrols and terrorize pro-government villages with relative impunity.

Most Kurds are, if anything, exasperated at the Government's failure, despite the presence of 40,000 troops throughout the south-eastern region, to return the area to normality.

Hardly a month goes by without another act of violence. In October, 13 villagers, including six women and two children, were killed in a rebel attack on a village in neighbouring Siirt province. Three weeks later seven Kurdish separatists were killed in a clash with the Army in the same area, bringing the death toll to more than 700 since the campaign began.

In the opinion of most observers in Ankara, the Government has failed to win the foreign propaganda war with the rebels because of their adamant refusal to grant the Kurdish minority a limited degree of ethnic, linguistic or cultural recognition.

Mr Kozakcioglu insists that the Kurds who, according to most authoritative historical sources, occupied this region for hundreds of years before the Turks arrived are actually the original Turks who somehow forgot who they were.

This theory of Kurdish racial antecedents is about as convincing as the legend that the Kurds are descended from 400 virgins who were raped by devils on their way to King Solomon's court.

Blinded by memories of the disintegration of the ethnically diverse Ottoman empire after the First World War, the Government refuses to acknowledge there is a distinction between Turks and Kurds.

There is no official recognition of the Kurdish people, and although the Government cannot prevent them from speaking in their mother tongue, the Kurdish language is banned. Diplomats are convinced this is the kind of government intransigence that generates sufficient resentment for the insurgents to maintain a residue of popular support.

Ankara has not relied solely on a policy of forced assimilation to solve the Kurdish question. Its South East Anatolian Project, costing $8 billion (£4.5 billion), is the largest agricultural and energy development programme the republic has ever embarked upon and is expected to transform the region completely by 2001.

It will bring millions of acres of arid land into productivity and provide vast opportunities for employment in this desperately underdeveloped quarter of Anatolia.

But while the Government has been encouraged by the immense popularity of the project among the local people, it is under no illusion concerning the military stalemate with the insurgents.

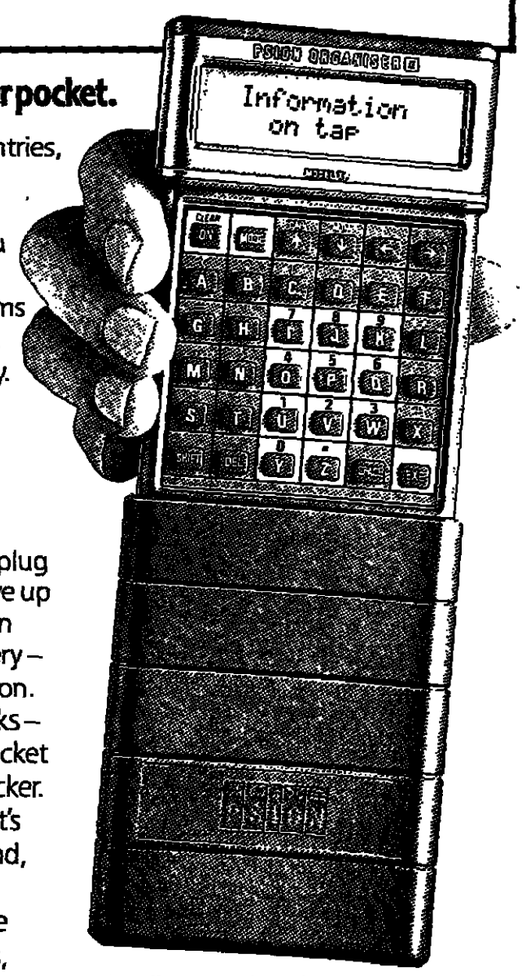
The Army, apart from an elite corps of commandos, is a conscript force.

Poorly equipped and concentrated in easily identifiable garrisons, it faces an uphill struggle eradicating the highly mobile guerrillas, whose excellent intelligence network and ability to disappear across neighbouring borders enables them to strike targets at will.

The Kurdish Workers' Party may have about as much chance of establishing the state of Kurdistan on Turkish soil as they would have of sweeping the tide back with a broom. Martial law in the region may have been lifted three months ago, but as the Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, acknowledged this week, the rebels are a problem the Government may be forced to live with for a very long time.

A three-day conference opens today in Paris at the French National Assembly to endorse a recently drafted Declaration of Human Rights for Turkey (Caroline Moorehead writes). The document calls for the end of political trials, a general amnesty, and freedom of association, conscience and thought.

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Miners' union calls Anglo American share offer bribery

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's biggest mining and industrial concern, the Anglo American Corporation, and its diamond-mining arm, De Beers, yesterday announced plans to give up to 8.5 million shares, worth 480 million rand (£140 million), to their 270,000 predominantly black employees over the next five years.

The share offer, the first of its kind, was immediately denounced by the leader of the black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

"The scheme stinks," he told *The Times*. "It is a clear ploy by Anglo American to try and bribe workers and we see it as economic and political blackmail."

Mr Ramaphosa said that the scheme was an attempt "to defuse the maturing challenge of black labour to the hegemony of big business, to get workers to participate in their own enslavement, and to alienate workers from their trade unions".

The NUM, the biggest union in the country, has nearly 300,000 members, of whom some 100,000 work for Anglo. It was involved in an inconclusive test of strength with Anglo last August when a three-week strike by black miners over pay closed many of the company's gold and coal mines.

At a press conference at company headquarters in Johannesburg, Mr Gavin Relly, Anglo's chairman, said he was not surprised by the NUM's reaction. "Trade union leaders like to take the initiative and no doubt they would have preferred a scheme negotiated and controlled by them," he said.

Johannesburg — Mr Govan Mbeki, the ANC's former national chairman, freed after 24 years in jail, has been allowed to address a rally in the Zwide black township near Port Elizabeth tomorrow

He believed that the NUM would find it difficult to advise its members not to accept a free allocation of shares. A "very extensive" survey conducted by the company among its employees had shown them to be broadly favourable to the scheme, although some had expressed concern about what the union would think.

Mr Relly described the scheme as being aimed at enhancing "the involvement of employees in wealth creation" and as being "consistent with the world trend away from centralist socialism on the one hand and rigorous capitalism on the other hand".

Initially, Anglo's 2,600 employees at head office with at least two years' qualifying service would each be offered five free shares early next year. Anglo shares are currently valued at 60 rand each.

Other companies in the Anglo group would then be invited to join the scheme, and, if all accept, another 250,000 employees would be offered shares.

● **Vote rejected:** The South African Government has rejected a UN Security Council vote demanding withdrawal of its troops from Angola, saying it would decide for itself when its soldiers would pull out (AP reports).

Sanctions or shares, page 16

Whites hang for murder of blacks

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Two young white men were hanged yesterday morning at Pretoria Central Prison for the murder of two black women. Only a handful of whites have ever been executed for the murder of blacks.

Joseph Schoepers, aged 22, and Johannes Wessels, aged 19, both Afrikaners, went to the gallows at 7am. Eleventh-hour appeals for a stay of execution were turned down by the Supreme Court.

Two black convicted murderers, Simon Moatche and Jim Mokwena, were also hanged, bringing the number of executions this year at Pretoria Central to 132 — 83 black men, 41 Coloured (mixed-race) men and eight white men.

Schoepers was convicted in 1985 of murdering Miss Ginny Goitsione by locking her in the boot of a car and then setting it alight. Wessels was found guilty last year of raping and then clubbing and stabbing to death Miss Elizabeth Mokoena. He was dubbed the "Mad Max" murderer after evidence that he had seen the film *Mad Max* on the night before the murder and been influenced by it.

Rape, even when it does not involve murder, is a capital crime in South Africa.



Alvaro Rafael Saravia, accused of killing Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, shying away from cameras as he is driven away from a Miami court after formal charges yesterday.

Brussels budget hopes fade

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The foreign ministers of the Twelve return to Brussels on Sunday for a final attempt to avert a showdown over farm spending at next week's European Economic Community summit in Copenhagen.

The special pre-summit talks follow the breakdown of discussions between EEC farm ministers in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Denmark, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers, is increasingly concerned about the prospect of failure at Copenhagen. This would mean going over to an emergency budget system next year. Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, is to circulate a letter today to EEC heads of government suggesting a compromise.

But diplomats said that since Mrs Thatcher appeared adamant in her refusal to budge over reform of the common agricultural policy, the key to compromise lay in Bonn. Chancellor Kohl is to call a special Cabinet meeting on whether West Germany is prepared to make concessions

The farm ministers remained deadlocked despite six meetings in 10 days about mechanisms for limiting farm output to avoid costly food surpluses, which in turn are a drain on the budget.

The mechanisms, known as stabilizers, would penalize farmers through price cuts and taxes whenever agreed production limits were breached. This proposal is strongly backed by Britain and by the European Commission. But France and West Germany, which have powerful farming lobbies, insist on watering down the mechanisms.

Officials said the dispute between Britain and the Commission on the one hand and France and Germany on the other had grown worse.

Some EEC diplomats were yesterday critical of Denmark for not forcing farm ministers to compromise when they met last week.

The Stinger menace

Fear-filled flight to war-torn Kabul

From Christopher Walker, Kabul

As Afghan Bakhtar Airlines flight FG605 began its stomach-turning corkscrew descent to Kabul's joint military and civilian airport yesterday, the severity of the air war now being mounted by the Muslim guerrillas became disconcertingly clear to all, including the senior Soviet officials on board the flight from Moscow.

No sooner had the seat belts and no-smoking signs been illuminated than Ahmed, the chief steward, drew out an American cigarette and began puffing furiously, jumping up occasionally to gaze unhappily down at the strategic peaks of the Paghman Hills below — a noted rebel stronghold.

"From the moment that we cross the border from the Soviet Union we are looking for Stingers. Although the rebels say they will not fire on civilian planes you can never be sure," he explained to passengers, including a small group of Western newsmen on a trip scheduled five months ago but postponed due to the worsening security situation.

The Afghan cabin crew did little to hide their anxiety and two members said that they would never fly in the Soviet-built Antonov 26, the workhorse of the badly-hit internal Afghan airline system, five of which have already been brought down this year at a cost of more than 150 lives.

The steep descent, accompanied by white puffs of smoke from a barrage of flares fired at the rate of one a second to try to deflect any of the heat-seeking Stingers, became more uncomfortable as the Afghan pilot announced a sudden delay of 10 minutes, which would have to be spent circling, because of the "pressure of flights".

"That means a military operation is taking place, but he cannot say so openly," explained Ahmed from his vantage point gazing through a left-hand window and still smoking nervously.

"The bump you just felt was from the pressure of a fighter flying too close below us. We know these things, because unfortunately we have to deal with them every day." The Afghan air hostess sitting close to him, apparently for moral support, made no bones about her desire to join an uncle living in London.

When the plane eventually landed (having first almost cut its engines to steady the rapid approach), it was only a few hundred yards along the runway when we passed the wreckage of one Antonov 26 with military markings, apparently brought down by a Stinger some weeks earlier. "I am afraid I cannot tell you anything about that," said Ahmed, suddenly becoming much less forthcoming.

It is the severity of the air war which is given much of the credit by diplomats here for the increasing readiness of the Kremlin to talk about withdrawal, and to reduce its timetable for a complete pull-out to the current official offer of one year.

As well as boosting the morale of the guerrillas and causing grave concern to Soviet military commanders, the effectiveness of the deadly Stingers and the less effective, but still deadly British-made *Blowpipe* missiles, has caused a switch in Soviet tactics.

Increased bombardment by artillery and heavy ground-to-ground rockets are replacing air bombing, strafing by helicopter gunships (which still line the ground at Kabul airport in scores) and helicopter-borne assaults.

Western officials also explained that Soviet and Afghan warplanes which used to support ground troops from heights of 2,000 to 4,000 feet are now doing so from 10,000 feet, reducing greatly the accuracy of their bombing and forcing the helicopter gunships providing ground cover to fly lower, making them more vunerable to the Mujahidin.

US government sources claim that in recent months the Soviet and Afghan forces have been losing aircraft and helicopters at the rate of one a day, a figure that is impossible to confirm officially.

But even if exaggerated for political purposes, the blanket of white smoke puffs from the flares covering the bright blue sky over Kabul yesterday was evidence of the heavy pressure which the guerrillas are now able to impose. A senior Afghan official told *The Times* than whenever it was possible, flights were being made under cover of darkness.

The heavy aerial operation underway yesterday, plus reported ground actions, were said by Western sources to be part of a determined Soviet and Afghan effort to deter any rebel efforts to disrupt the *loya jirga* (great assembly) which opens here on Sunday to elect a new president and vote on a new constitution.

Boston — Since the withdrawal of Mr Gary Hart there has been no front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination. But Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts stands as good a chance as anyone now in the race.

When I last talked to him a year ago he was contemplating running. This week I was speaking to a declared candidate who is expected to do reasonably well in the Iowa caucuses and to win the first primary in New Hampshire.

Whether that could be a springboard towards the nominations will depend largely on his performance on Super Tuesday in early March when most of the Southern states will hold their primaries.

Governor Dukakis likes to invoke the memory of the last President from Massachusetts. But he is not a second John Kennedy.

He will not win a charisma contest

When I went campaigning with him in two small New Hampshire towns, I was struck by his ease of manner in these homely settings. He was comfortable with local voters. But if the presidential race of 1988 turns into a contest in charisma, Mr Dukakis will not be the winner.

What he offers instead is managerial competence. In most years this would not be enough. In the present political atmosphere there is a greater chance that it is the quality for which the American people will be looking. But does he have the broader range required to move from being a successful state governor to President of the United States?

I find it hard to accept that he has really been a close student of international affairs for many years. He foundered appallingly a few days ago when questioned in a television programme on American policy towards China and Sino-Soviet relations.

But he is studying the issue. I questioned him particularly on what a Dukakis presidency would mean for Europe, and could not have received more explicit assurances on keeping American troops there. "There has got to be a continued, strong, United States presence in Western Europe," he declared unequivocally.

He would not allow that commitment to be weakened by statutory pressures. Nor would he accept any agreement on conventional forces with the Soviet Union that left the United States without a substantial contingent in Europe.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

These commitments were all the more significant because he would squeeze defence spending in general and is eager for a range of disarmament agreements with the Soviet Union. Defence expenditure would at most maintain its present level in real terms.

There were moments during his campaigning when I thought he might be verging on utopianism towards the Soviet Union. But in his conversation with me he was firm that he would move carefully step by step on disarmament.

Defence spending would be squeezed

insisting on adequate verification and full consultation with allies each time.

Although he was enthusiastic in his support for an INF treaty, he would not pledge no first use of nuclear weapons. That would prevent American nuclear capability countering superior Soviet conventional forces in Europe. "No early use" was the formula with which he wisely stuck.

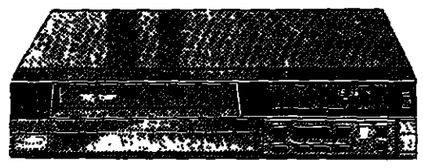
This tension between idealism and realism was evident in his approach to economic and social policy as well. He has the instinct of a traditional liberal Democrat. He spoke with sudden passion while campaigning when referring to housing and the homeless. But he would intend to cut the budget deficit in real terms year by year.

I have the impression of a pragmatist who is extending his preparation for the presidency as he studies one problem after another. He is unquestionably more equipped for domestic than foreign policy. But while he would not bring a wide international background to the White House, he would start with the belief that the President of the United States ought to be an internationalist.

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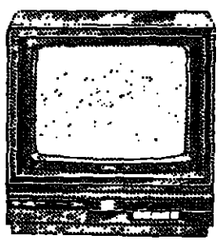


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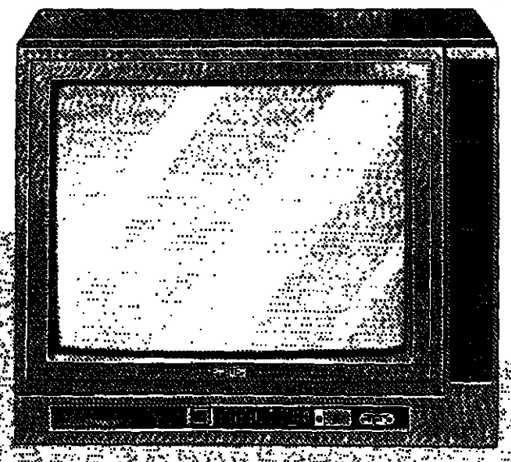


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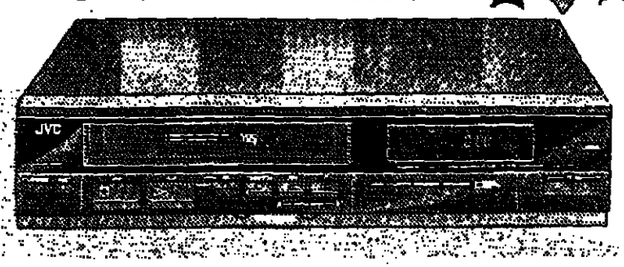
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Police deliver blow to Eta as arms and suspects are seized

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Twelve suspected members of the Spanish Basque armed separatist group Eta were held in the San Sebastián region yesterday after a swoop by 1,000 Civil Guards.

The paramilitary force also raided nine flats used by the organization in several surrounding towns and seized arms, including grenades, the "goma 2" explosive Eta habitually uses, and ammunition.

The chief arrest was of José López Ruiz, known as "Kubati", a 34-year-old Eta leader accused by the Spanish police of heading the commando which assassinated General Rafael Garrido, military Governor of the Guipúzcoa region, and his wife in San Sebastián in October last year. He was also accused of the "revenge killing", one month earlier, of Dolores González ("Yoyes"), who was once Eta's most prominent woman member for having accepted the Socialist Government's terms for returning to normal life.

The operation was based on analysis of documents giving details of Eta's structure. The papers were found when French police arrested Santiago Arrospide ("Santi Potros"), chief of Eta's military wing operational commandos, on September 30.

The successive blows against Eta in raids and the seizure of members in Madrid, Barcelona, Navarra and San Sebastián, have convinced Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, that the organization's days of violence are numbered.

Eta may still, he believes, be able to stage what he calls anarchic reactions to a constant police offensive, but it now lacks a sufficiently permanent structure to enable it to challenge the state.

Kubati was arrested while he was in a telephone box apparently trying to alert colleagues.

Police accuse him of crimes going back to 1979. They include the killing of a Basque businessman, nine attacks on Civil Guard barracks and the shooting of a Civil Guard corporal outside a bar at the beginning of this month.

The importance of French collaboration for Madrid was also underlined by the handing over to Spain yesterday of Francisco Imaz, aged 28, presumed head of the so-called autonomous anti-capital commandos, an Eta splinter group blamed for a long series of crimes but sought above all for the assassination in February 1984 of Senator Enrique Casas, then Socialist Party leader in San Sebastián.

Aides of the Prime Minister in the Basque countries insist that the Government's strategy must now take advantage of the security forces having clearly got the upper hand, and of a change in Basque public opinion, to force Eta's leaders to grasp that the only way out for them must be to stop the killings and negotiate their return to normal life.

But Señor González remains publicly adamant that there can be no generalized pardon for Eta members personally responsible for blood crimes.

The detention of the presumed killer of "Yoyes" is another significant step in Madrid's "psychological war" to isolate Eta from its sympathizers in the Basque country. Her family recently published extracts from a diary she kept which show movingly how she came to see Eta not as an aid, but a cruel impediment, to the realization of the Basque people's wishes.

Shoppers buy a breath of fresh air in Tokyo



Customers at a Tokyo store inhaling oxygen through wine-glass-shaped masks at the shop's "Oxygen Bar". Three minutes of regular, mint or coffee-flavoured oxygen costs about 40p and business is booming in the polluted Japanese capital.

French students protest at 'miserly' funding

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

Under grey skies and a chilling drizzle, a few thousand students took to the streets of Paris yesterday to protest against "miserly" government financing of universities.

Exactly a year after much larger student demonstrations gave way to several days of violent clashes with the Paris police, a march on the National Assembly set off behind banners demanding *du fric pour nos facs* ("dough for our faculties").

As the demonstrators gathered in the Place d'Italie, the university students were joined by secondary school pupils protesting about primitive conditions, overcrowded classes and lack of teaching staff.

There was no sign of a special police presence, that is the much feared riot squads. The protest organizers, mainly from groups associated with the Communist Party, had emphasized that official stewards would deter would-be trouble-makers.

At the heart of the university students' grievances is the steady decline in funding from central Government. Recent studies show that France now spends proportionately less on university education than any other industrialized nation.

The number of French school leavers seeking entry to university may double soon after the year 2,000. To cope with such an influx, educational specialists claim that another 2,300 teachers would be needed, not to mention many new universities.

200 die in Luzon typhoon disaster

Manila – Typhoon Nina hit the east Philippines coast yesterday and was reported to have killed up to 200 people and made thousands homeless. The typhoon swept fishing villages in Luzon island.

Party purge

Vienna (Reuter) – The Communist Party secretary of Dolj county in south-west Romania and other officials have been sacked, just 11 days after the Brasov riots.

Swedish move

Stockholm (Reuter) – A Swedish court has dropped proceedings against a Soviet defector who crashed his hijacked plane in the Baltic.

Hostage freed

Beirut (Reuter) – Gunmen freed Lebanon's youngest kidnap victim, Bashir Husam Samadi, aged 7, one day after he was seized.

Empty coffers

Belgrade (Reuter) – More than 200,000 Yugoslavs received no pension because the state pension fund is empty.

Correction

Anatolia is the whole of Turkey in Asia, not a Turkish province, as stated in a report from Konya on November 23.

Soviet price reform

Kremlin moves to avoid civil unrest

By Mary Dejevsky

A top-level committee in the Soviet Union is currently examining the sensitive question of how to reform the country's obsolete pricing system without provoking the sort of civil unrest that has accompanied price rises in Eastern Europe.

Details of the committee's work were outlined to *The Times* by one of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's most senior economic advisers, who is visiting Britain at the invitation of the British Academy.

Professor Abel Aganbegyan, who heads the Institute of Economics at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow, said that a revamped Committee on Prices had been entrusted with the task of updating the country's pricing system to bring it more into line with systems operating elsewhere in the world.

In the Soviet Union, many items – such as housing and staple foods – have barely risen in price since the 1920s and 1930s and are far cheaper than in the West. But clothes and consumer durables are often more expensive, both in actual cost and as a proportion of average income. The long-term aim, Professor Aganbegyan said, was to make the rouble convertible, although he conceded that this was a distant prospect.

The Committee on Prices brings together representatives of the Finance Ministry, the State Planning Committee (Gosplan), and advisers from the Institute of Economics.

According to Professor Aganbegyan, it is reviewing every aspect of the country's financial system – wages, pensions, allowances, wholesale and retail prices, and banking – in order to recommend a fully integrated set of reforms that will not unbalance the economy.

The committee began its work shortly after the Communist Party Central Committee plenum in June, when the subject of prices first came in for official scrutiny, and has to report before the end of 1989. If all goes to plan, its proposals will be published and open to public discussion before being incoporated in the next five-year plan in 1990.

The prospect of price reform is contemplated with terror by many people who are convinced that reform means only one thing: huge price rises.

But Professor Aganbegyan insists that people have little to fear. The committee must work on the assumption that average living standards must not fall as a result of any changes, he says. Any reform must build in safeguards – increased pensions and benefits and cheaper consumer goods – so that no one loses, except those who can afford to pay more for higher quality.

He argues that, although many prices have been kept artificially low for decades, this has actually benefited the better off. The large state subsidies on bread, meat, and dairy produce, he says, mean simply that those who can afford to buy most enjoy the highest subsidy.

Professor Aganbegyan also claims, from his own experience, that many people are able and willing to pay more for something better.

As a well-paid economist with considerable royalties from his many publications, he says he would be prepared to pay two or three times more than the 12 per cent income tax he is required to at present.

He would also welcome the chance to buy himself accommodation. But there is nothing better available – at least not any that money can buy. Only a word with the right people would be any use.

The Challenge: Economics of Perestroika; Professor Aganbegyan. Hutchinson. £20 hardback. £8.95 paperback. English publication in the new year.



Professor Aganbegyan: Says subsidies benefit better-off.

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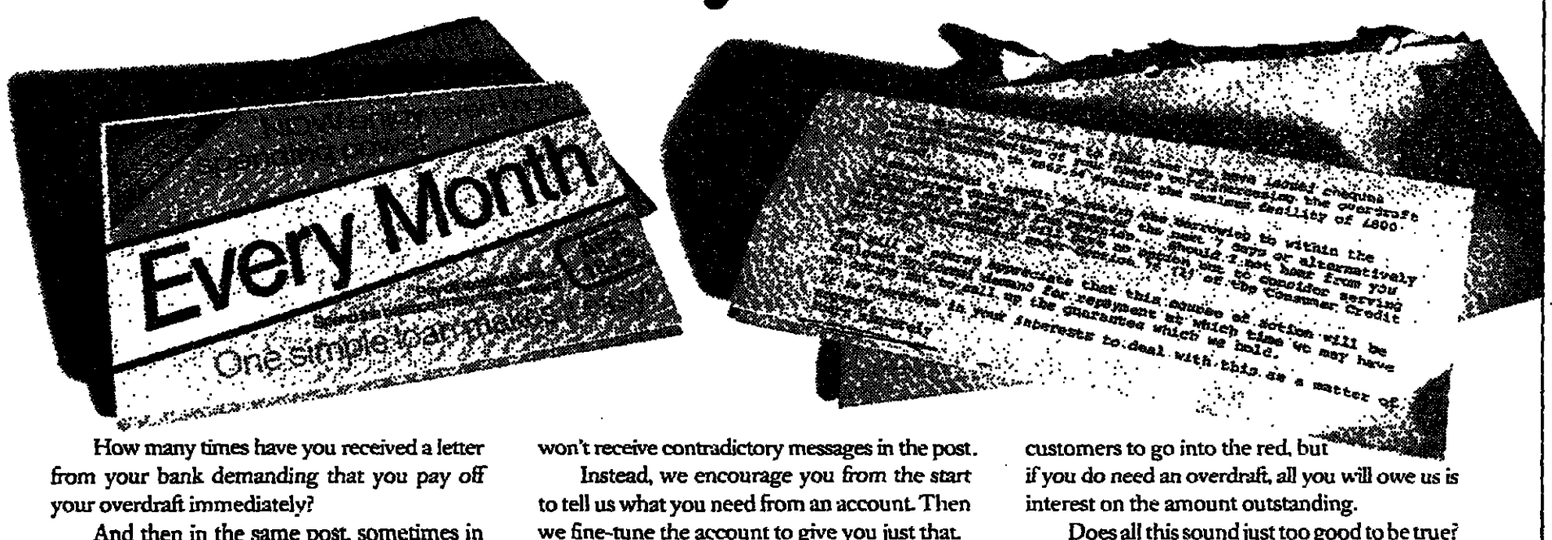
From Mario Modiano
Athens

Greece's Socialist Government suffered a blow yesterday when Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, prompted the resignation of Mr Costas Simitis, his National Economy Minister, by abruptly reversing a Cabinet decision taken 24 hours earlier to continue a tight-fisted economic policy.

Mr Simitis, architect of the Government's austerity policy which imposed a virtual wage freeze after October, 1985, had just announced the Cabinet's resolve not to relax its tight incomes policy until May. Mr Papandreou, speaking in Parliament after tabling the state budget for 1988, said he was authorizing index-linked salary increases from January 1.

The Prime Minister replaced Mr Simitis with Mr Panayotis Roumeliotis, the Trade Minister.

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Constitutional crisis in Queensland

Deposed Sir Joh refuses to quit his post

By Our Foreign Staff

Queensland is facing a constitutional crisis with Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the state's Premier, refusing to resign, despite having been sacked and replaced as leader of the ruling National Party.

Yesterday's coup was the consequence of a rebellion which has been building for months against Sir Joh – the most durable and most arch-conservative of Australian political leaders – among once loyal followers who believe that, at the age of 76, he finally should go.

For his part, Sir Joh is showing characteristic reluctance to relinquish the autocratic power he has wielded over Australia's "Deep North" for more than 19 years.

Yesterday witnessed an extraordinary sequence of political manoeuvring and intrigue. Firstly, Sir Joh called a Cabinet meeting, which lasted eight minutes, at which he declared that a party meeting – called by the executive management committee and scheduled to follow – was illegal and that he was the only person who could call it.

The Cabinet meeting then broke up and ministers headed for the party meeting. Sir Joh was the only National Party member who did not attend the 48-member meeting, which duly accepted a motion to declare the leadership open and then elected Mr Mike Ahern, the former Health Minister, the new leader. Mr Ahern had been sacked by Sir Joh on Tuesday, along with two other ministers.

Mr Ahern and his deputy, Mr Bill Gunn, the Deputy Premier, then went to see Sir Walter Campbell, the State Governor, and asked him to withdraw Sir Joh's commission. This the Governor declined to do, and asked the two men to try to persuade Sir Joh to resign gracefully. When they failed to do this, the Governor said that the matter should be decided by Parliament.

Late yesterday a defiant Sir Joh said that he expected to chair next Monday's Cabinet meeting as Premier.

"I'll still be here next week at Cabinet on Monday morning," the Premier said. It was "unfortunate" that Mr Ahern wanted his resignation by that day.

"I'm afraid we don't always get the things we like in this life. I did exactly what his Excellency asked me to do – that's to call the Parliament together," Sir Joh said.

These events left Queensland in the odd situation of having a Premier who was not the leader of the ruling party and a leader of the ruling party who was not the Premier.

The crisis started on Tuesday when Sir Joh, who had already said that he would step down next year, after completing 20 years as Premier, unexpectedly sacked three ministers. He then appointed two backbenchers and the Speaker of the House to replace the dismissed ministers, in the face of party opposition, particularly that of Sir Robert Sparkes, the National Party state president, who said after Wednesday's swearing-in of the new ministers: "It is likely to be the shortest ministry ever."

The signs are that the Premier is prepared to hold out until Parliament meets, probably next week. It would only need five National Party members to join the Liberal and Labor parties to defeat a vote of no-confidence in Sir Joh, and Mr Ahern and his supporters would find themselves in a perilous situation.

Sydney – The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, leaves today for an official visit to the Soviet Union aimed at strengthening economic and trade links between the two countries (Reuter reports).

Government officials said he will also ask Soviet leaders to relax their policy on Jewish emigration.



Sir Joh's Waterloo? Queensland's Premier in conquering mood only two months ago – but already members of his party, frustrated by his autocratic rule, were planning a coup.

Army imposes calm in run-up to Haiti voting

From Alan Tomlinson, Port au Prince

Troops patrolling the Haitian capital have brought a relative calm to the city for the first time in several days.

Truckloads of soldiers patrolled the deserted streets on Wednesday night, firing occasional volleys into the darkness. The bodies of four men with gunshot wounds were discovered at dawn.

It was the Army's first appearance in strength during weeks of pre-election violence which led on Tuesday night to crowds of private citizens forming vigilante groups to police their neighbourhoods and brutally killing four men.

The show of force followed an official warning to the population that vigilante acts would not be tolerated. A communiqué signed by the Interior Minister, Major-General Williams Regala, a member of the junta which has ruled Haiti for the past 21 months, reminded Haitians that "the maintenance of public order and security is the direct and exclusive duty of the armed forces".

The reminder was deeply ironical. The public, and in particular the candidates and officials taking part in this Sunday's general elections, have implored the Army for weeks to exercise just that prerogative.

Their appeals have gone unheeded and armed gangs opposed to the democratic process have gone unchallenged in repeated attacks on electoral headquarters and political offices. Buildings have been set on fire and innocent people slain at random.

"The Haitian Army has a long history of locking itself in the barracks while the city burns," one foreign diplomat ruefully observed.

But the extent of its recent indifference has convinced many Haitians that the Army privately supports the anti-election movement, despite public pledges to hand over power to a civilian government in February.

The violence has eclipsed the race for the Presidency in which four contenders have emerged as the front runners in a confusing field of 23 candidates.

Two of them could be loosely described as populists: they are Mr Gerard Gourgue, a human rights activist representing a group of 57 left-inclined political organizations that appear to enjoy the support of politicized elements in the influential Roman Catholic Church, and a former Protestant pastor, Mr Sylvio Claude, a Christian Democrat who is believed to have strong support among the urban poor.

The other two leading candidates are centrists, Mr Marc Bazin, a lawyer and economist regarded as the American favourite, and a businessman, Mr Louis Dejoie, who has inherited the enduring popularity of his late father, the man who lost Haiti's last election 30 years ago, to François "Papa Doc" Duvalier.

The campaigns of these four inevitably have much in common, focusing on the colossal levels of unemployment, illiteracy and ill-health which are the Duvalier legacy.

But experienced observers of Haitian politics believe it is not so much what candidates stand for that will win them votes but by how firmly they stand against the remnants of the old power structure. In this regard, Mr Gourgue and Mr Claude appear to have the edge for having opposed the dictatorship from within Haiti while Mr Bazin and Mr Dejoie have spent much of their lives in exile.

One of the few things observers here agree upon is that no candidate appears likely to win an outright majority on Sunday, leading to speculation that frantic coalition-forming may characterize the run-up to the second round next month.

Maori victory in land rights battle

From Richard Long, Wellington

Maori land rights activists gained an important victory yesterday when the Waitangi Tribunal recommended the return to the Maori people of an Auckland harbour headland that includes some of the most valuable real estate in New Zealand's largest city.

The Bastion Point headland and surrounding areas, comprising 280 acres, was the scene of a large protest in 1978 when police arrested 222 demonstrators after a 507-day occupation of the site.

This followed protests over nearly 150 years by the Ngati Whatua tribe, which maintained that the land had been taken illegally from their ancestors. The decision that the land should be returned, together with a $NZ3 million (£1.1 million) endowment for tribal development, will give a big boost to others seeking to redress land grievances. One tribe is claiming ownership of much of the South Island.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said he imagined the land would be returned to the tribe. He said he would be surprised if the Government differed with the tribunal over ownership of the land, much of which comprises public parks and reserves.

Mr Joe Hawke, the Ngati Whatua spokesman who led the occupation of the site in 1978 and who then, with others, took his grievance to the tribunal, said the decision should be implemented immediately by legislation.

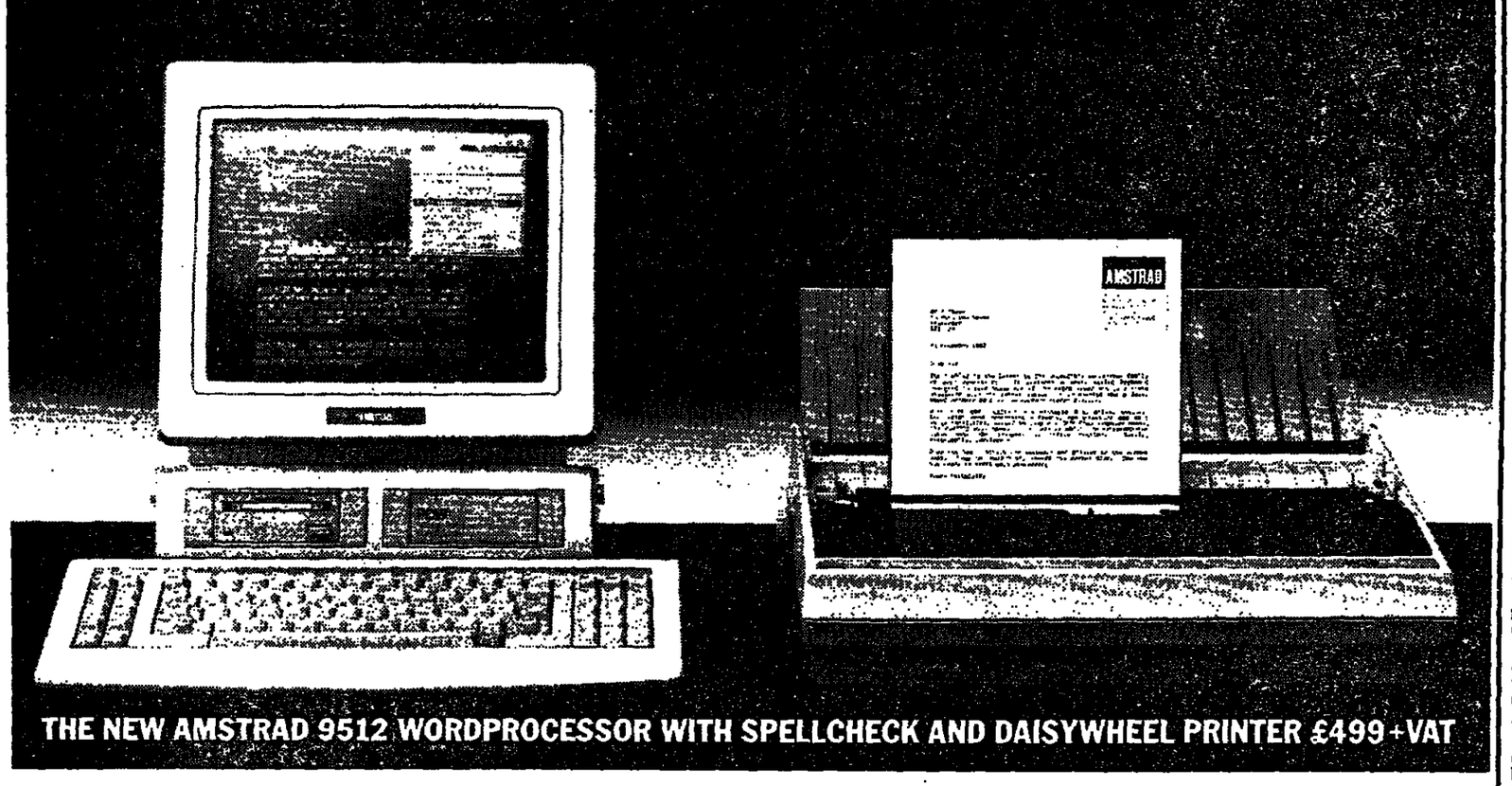
Maori community leaders saw the finding as another historic step and compared it with the Appeal Court ruling earlier this year which prevented the Government from transferring Crown lands to corporate departments until outstanding Maori claims on the land had been settled.

In its finding yesterday the tribunal said the Crown, through repeated and deliberate breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi, had rendered the Ngati Whatua people virtually landless and without standing in their own homeland.

The Waitangi Tribunal was established in 1975 to investigate Maori grievances and to apply the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi to decisions.

Under the Treaty, signed by some Maori chiefs and the British Crown in 1840, the chiefs ceded sovereignty to the Crown in return for guaranteed ownership of their lands, forests and fisheries. But the Treaty was never ratified in New Zealand law and its provisions were largely pushed aside in the great land grab of the last century.

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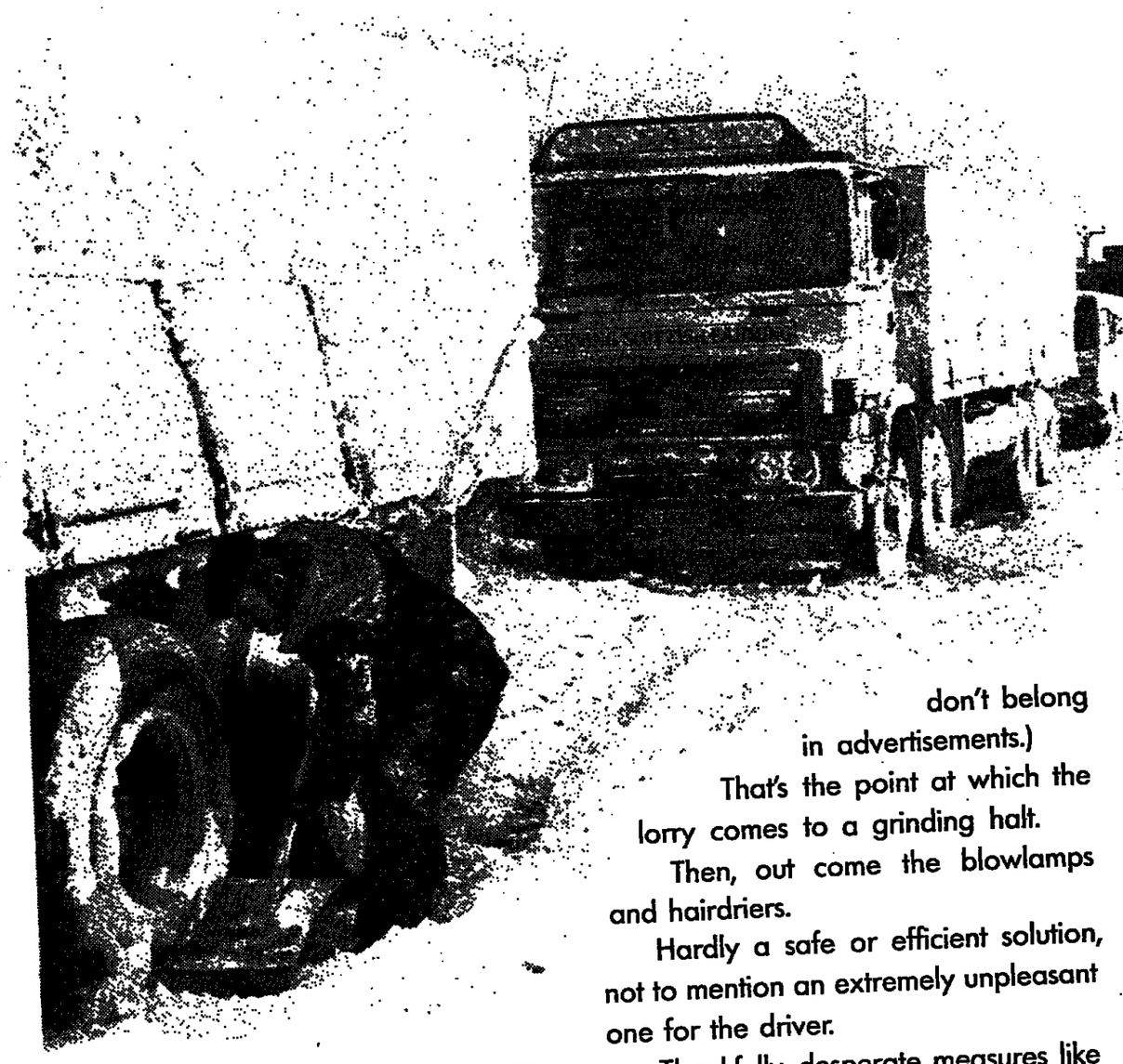


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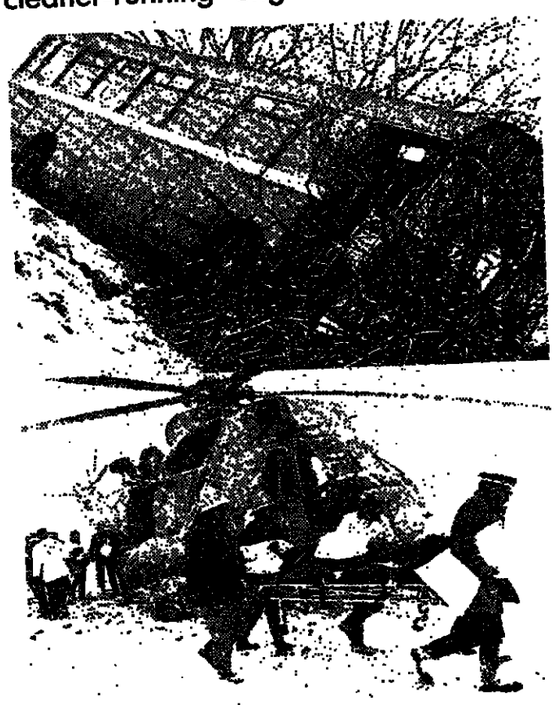
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Danger in the darkness

Are our lighthouses still a boon to seafarers, or have advances in electronic navigation made them a quaint extravagance? Libby Purves reports on a bitter controversy

One of the world's busiest waterways, the English Channel, is a place where a navigational error measured in yards can be catastrophic. This autumn a Danish-run ship, sailing under the Singapore flag and carrying a cargo of chemicals, complained to Trinity House, the lighthouse authority, that a light buoy off the Sussex coast was one-and-a-half miles out of position.

A tender was sent to investigate. The light buoy was exactly where it had always been. It was the ship, equipped with sophisticated electronic navigation aids, which had got its position wrong.

Yet moves are afoot to do away with many lighthouses, light buoys and other visual aids to navigation, partly on the argument that electronic navigation systems have made them unnecessary.

British coastal waters, apart from being busy, are treacherous: sandbanks, reefs and rapid tides have always cost ships and lives. But down the centuries we have gradually belled the cat: ever since mankind learnt to strike lights and refract them across distances, considerable ingenuity and devotion has gone into maintaining lighthouses, lightships, and flashing buoys. Our lights have been a source of pioneering pride: their past is romantic and illustrious.

'Any ship with Decca and radar can navigate. Lighthouses are largely an anachronism'

Stewart Conacher

Their future, however, is distinctly foggy, with the whole subject under review. In the business, factions are beginning to accuse one another of cynicism and anachronism, selfishness and profligacy.

Meanwhile, on the shore, baffled sentimentalists skim through brief press reports, only being galvanized into indignation if they recognize some "discontinued" lighthouse as being the friendly old striped tower of their childhood holidays. But this debate is not a sentimental one: it is about economics, safety margins, and what faith we should place in new technology.

Unlike most other nations, Britain does not pay for its lighthouses and buoyage out of general taxation. The money comes from light dues paid by commercial vessels, British and foreign, using our ports. "The user," the Government says, "should pay." The lights are administered by three bodies: Trinity House, for England and Wales; the Commissioners of Northern Lights, and Irish Lights (we share, and subsidize, the lights of the republic).

The authorities' expenditure (about £60 million a year) outstrips their income: this year, when Trinity House took over the management of the Decca chain of electronic beacons, light dues rose by 14 per cent.

Shipowners were angry. They have an ancient grievance, which is that neither fishermen nor yachtsmen pay light dues, but expensive lighthouses and lit buoys are useful to fishermen and yachts, while big ships rely increasingly on electronics. Earlier this year, it was decided that bigger fishing-boats must pay light dues; now fishermen protest that yachts and the Navy are exempt (though the Navy contributes to Decca). Clearly, not all the users are paying.

While all this unrest was brewing, various reports came out: one suggested cutting the number of maintenance ships — the tenders — run by Trinity House; the Government's Keilly report proposed losing some lights; and Trinity House brought forward the announcement of its own cuts and redundancies, including one of its four remaining tenders, five lighthouses and 79 other aids. The "elder brethren" of Trinity House were partly goaded into this by the publicity in June surrounding the most controversial report of all: the one commissioned by the General Council of British Shipping — the shipowners — and written by Dr John Strange, a polytechnic transport lecturer. Strange's brief was to study the navigational needs of a modern commercial ship plying between Portland Bill and the Thames Estuary: 250 miles of jagged coastline including the busiest waterway in the world, the Dover Strait. He returned from his journey with the view that of the 80 navigational aids provided by Trinity House, 60 were unnecessary. These included lighthouses at Dungeness, Beachy Head, and the Needles.

The shipowners were delighted by the confirmation that their money was being spent on things they did not need. Stewart Conacher, the secretary of their Lights Advisory Committee, puts it bluntly: "Any ship with Decca and radar can navigate with minimal use of visual aids. Lighthouses are largely an anachronism."

Commander Bill Anderson, of the Royal Yachting Association, calls the report "an own-goal by the shipowners, it carries no authority. Their sole mission in life is to pay less money. Saying that lighthouses are an anachronism is the view of shipowners, not of those who actually go to sea".

Inshore boatmen fear the loss of their familiar shorelights and foghorns. Jim Gibson, a Scottish creel fisherman, mourns a recent closure: "We've got no radar, and I really miss the horn. Getting in close by the cliffs in fog has always been tricky. It would be criminal if it took a drowning to get it put back on."

Chris Harris



Keeper of the flame: Richard Davis, coxwain of the Cromer lifeboat, dreads an unlit future

A merchant captain says bitterly: "The owners would rather listen to the accountant than to us. Electronic systems can be misread: all right, it doesn't happen often, but I like to see something outside the ship. It'll be a lonely thing if the lights start to go."

He, to be fair, was a man in his 50s, entitled to be wary of an electronic future. Commander Anderson says that it is the older yachtsmen who "fear the dark coast and the electronic bleep. Younger people, who work all day with computers, are more at home with the idea of electronics".

Certainly, cut-price Decca receivers were the bestsellers of the 1987 Boat Show: one yacht in 10 now carries one. But the image of the computer-happy floating yuppy is not one which cuts much mustard with coxswain Richard Davis of the Cromer lifeboat, in Norfolk. "Decca breaks down, the same as anything else," he says. He is faced with the imminent loss of both the Happisburgh lighthouse and the Haisbro lightship, which guards the sandbank. "It's a black old piece of coast." he says. "Flat. You can't see any village lights because of the flood wall."

Trinity House, which consults with the RNLI, is going to increase the power of Cromer lighthouse before it shuts Happisburgh, but Davis says: "You can't see Cromer from Haisbro. Can't someone spare us the price of a lightbulb?"

Commander Richard Woodman, one of Trinity House's senior tender captains, is deeply unhappy about the implications of the Strange report. "It is our duty to mark dangers for all vessels. Perhaps we should have revised things earlier, but unless we want a coastline covered in wrecks and corpses again, we have to be very careful how far down the road of electronics we go. The marine environment is salty and violent: it isn't like installing computers in a dry, dust-free spacecraft."

Captain David Orr, head of Navigational Requirements at Trinity House, says: "We have to err on the side of caution. We are a long-established organization which thinks that only the best will do for the mariner."

Stewart Conacher is a little impatient with these attitudes. "The lighthouse authorities take it on themselves to be responsible for the safety of anyone who chooses to go to sea," he says. "That's not their job under the Merchant Shipping Act. They should just provide what merchant ships need. Anyway, it's absurd to suppose that large numbers of traditional aids are going to make an incompetent mariner into a competent one."

Commander Woodman finds this stricture ironic. He recently worked for a year in the Dover Strait and claims that the merchant fleet's competence has declined during the electronic revolution. "Ships in wrong lanes and near-misses are monotonously regular. I have heard ships in the North Sea actually asking others where they are. I suspect that Dr Strange hasn't been at sea regularly for some time . . . he may not know what market forces have done to downgrade the safety of ships. And electronic navigation can suffer from certain inaccuracies at sunset."

'Unless we want coasts covered in wrecks and corpses again, we have to be very careful'

Commander Woodman

The Government and the elders of Trinity House have spent the last two months in repeated negotiations about the future. Meanwhile, the current round of cuts will take place between now and the spring, and behind the scenes battles will rage over the next round, and the next. The shipowners expect to tangle with yachtsmen: "They may not pay, but they're powerful," said one. "There are more yachtsmen than shipowners inside the House of Commons." Lord Brabazon of Tara, the minister at the DoT, cites the International Convention, which binds us to provide aids at sea "for all who need them", but says it is impractical to find a way of charging yachtsmen.

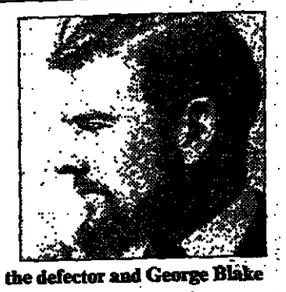
It has been calculated that if yachtsmen were charged £5 per head — the price of a stainless steel shackle — £30 million could be raised (half the total light bill). And ironically, quite a lot of yachtsmen actually *want* to pay. One expressed it thus: "I pay a thousand a year for my marina berth. I'd gladly pay £200 more to keep lights like Dungeness open and the Thames Estuary safe. Not just for me, but for big ships. After all, the evidence that came out at the Herald of Free Enterprise inquiry didn't make me feel that either the DoT or the big ship operators are the best people in the world to judge safety margins."

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Old network meets again

Last night graduates of the Foreign Office's former Arab language school attended a reunion dinner in London





Spy connection? Kim Philby, the defector and George Blake

Britain's so-called "spy school", set among the olive groves in the hills overlooking Beirut International Airport, may be a casualty of Lebanon's civil war, but it is not forgotten. Some of Britain's top diplomats have fond memories of their time spent there.

Last night 80 graduates of the Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies (MECAS), the Foreign Office's former Arabic language school, attended a dinner at Lancaster House to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding at Shemlan, 15 miles east of Beirut.

The centre, which was finally forced to close in 1978, earned its reputation because of its association with Russian agents George Blake and Kim Philby.

The list of former pupils is interesting testimony to the theory that Foreign Office mandarins tend to be Arabists. It includes the present permanent under-secretary of the Foreign Office, Sir Patrick Wright, his predecessor, Sir Anthony Acland (now ambassador in Washington) and a host of leading envoys.

MECAS was originally conceived in 1941 when the fortunes of war in North Africa showed up Britain's grave lack of Arabic speakers. An internal Foreign Office memo suggests the next three years were taken up arguing about a site: Palestine might have offended the "Zionist lobby in Parliament", Syria the French; "the War Cabinet Office objected to Cairo, nobody thought much of Aden and Baghdad was not mentioned".

Despite the opposition, MECAS first opened its doors to 20 students in the Arab Hospice in Jerusalem. With the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in July 1946, British institutions in Palestine were considered vulnerable. MECAS moved temporarily to a tented encampment in Trans-Jordan and finally, in September 1947, to Shemlan.

It quickly established a reputation for offering a thorough grounding not only in Arabic, but also the culture and politics of the Middle East. Pricked by the Treasury, it took in businessmen and diplomats from other countries.

MECAS came to dominate Shemlan, economically and socially. Many of its 60 students a year stayed with local families.

Sir James Craig, a former director of studies, later Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, recalls: "It was a very happy place, very homogenous. It was near enough to Beirut for students to get down there from time to time, not too close that they'd be distracted."

Not everyone was delighted with the British presence. Sir James recalls a bomb exploding outside his office during the 1956 Suez crisis; no-one was hurt. Further temporary closures came with the Lebanese civil war in 1958, the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967 and the start of the "troubles" in 1976.

Observer correspondent Kim Philby was, indeed, a regular visitor in the early 1960s, but never actually a student. When arrested in 1961, master-spy George Blake was a student on secondment from the Foreign Office.

As Shemlan was on former Druze land taken over by Maronite Christians, leftist Druze leader Kamal Jumblatt had apparent good cause to spread the story that the school was a nest of spies. "When he became a Minister we seriously thought he was going to close us down," remembers Craig. However, he denies MECAS had any role in espionage. "There is an impression among Arabs that the British are devilish cunning at intelligence work. Jumblatt's idea got a hold in popular mythology."

Today, nearly a decade after the centre's final closure at Shemlan, there is talk of reviving the centre (or something like it) at the University of Amman in Jordan. A certain nostalgia is also the order of the day, which explains last night's dinner and the setting up of a MECAS graduate students' association, details of which are available from Gordon Kirby at the Foreign Office.

Andrew Lycett

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THE TIMES

SATURDAY

Books for Christmas



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CLASSICS

Did Euripides *hiss*? Many ancient literary critics, like many modern choirmasters, thought that the sibilant *s* (Greek *sigma*) has undesirable tone qualities, and they considered the tragedian Euripides' use of it excessive. The line *esosa s', hos isasin Hellenon hosoi* (*Medea* 476: "I saved you, as every Greek knows"), where *sigma* occurs seven times, provoked parody as well as criticism. Mrs Elizabeth Craik, of the St Andrews University, has established a project which may have settled this 2,400-year-old controversy. Many modern scholars have defended Euripides against his ancient critics, but research fellow Dr Diane Kaferley's computer analysis of the surviving plays of Aechylus, Aristophanes, Sophocles and Euripides has shown that Euripides does indeed use *sigma* with exceptional frequency. *Martin F. Smith*

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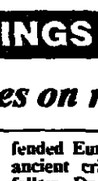
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FORESTRY



A Swedish company has developed a novel way of collaring beetles. The beetle — *Hylobius abietis*, or Pine Weevil — causes widespread damage to newly planted conifer saplings by gnawing away at their bark. Many of the young trees die. DDT is banned in Sweden and chemical sprays are often unacceptable on environmental grounds. The company, Teno AB, based at Norrkoping, has come up with a collar made of polyethylene extruded in two layers. The collar is placed around the sapling when it is planted. The down-folded top section simply prevents beetles from climbing up on to the young tree. As a bonus, it keeps the plant warm, protects it against wind, and is biodegradable. *Malcolm Smith*

EGYPTOLOGY

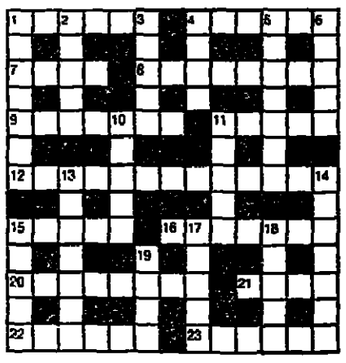


Progress proceeds apace. In University College, London, is an enigmatic wooden box-like object. Suggestions about its use have been made over the years — including some, no doubt, of a ritual prupose — but Egyptologist Rosalind Hall has at last cracked the puzzle. It is a New Kingdom rat trap, complete with entrance flap; presumably the sacred cats of ancient Egypt had become so pampered that they would no longer stoop to such mundane tasks, and technology had to be called in. *John Ray*

PUBLIC OPINION

Parents of children at secondary schools are on the whole satisfied with their offspring's education, according to a MORI poll conducted for the *Reader's Digest*. By a margin of two to one, they are content with the amount of school discipline (52 per cent satisfied, against 26 per cent dissatisfied), and by a margin of *six to one*, they are happy with the overall standard of education. This does not mean, however, that there is no room for improvement: almost half the parents inverviewed (48 per cent) said they would send their children to private school if they could afford it, while 42 per cent would not. *Robert Worcester*

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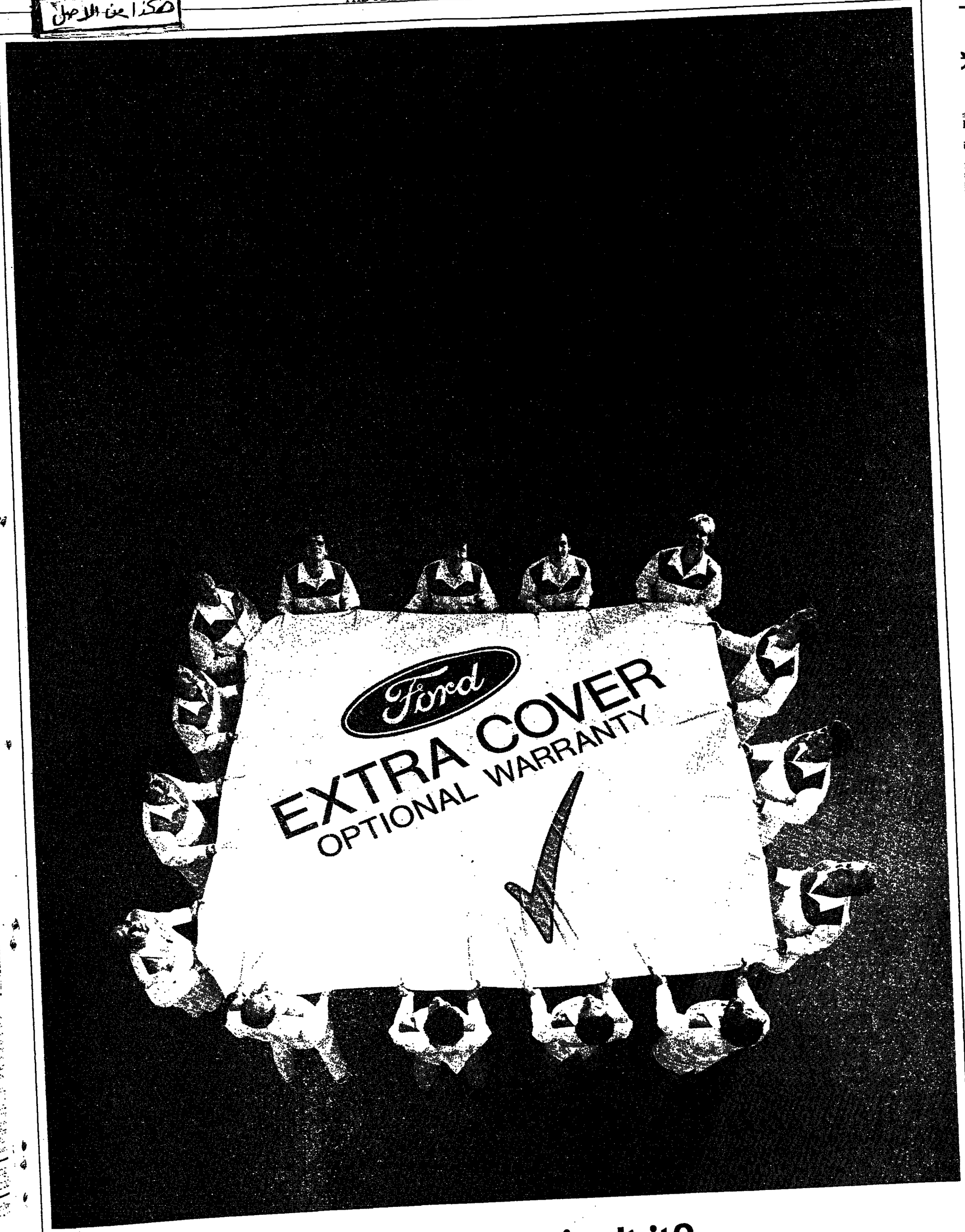
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Mortimer wheeler

The man who presided over the first expulsion of Labour's Militants has now found himself at the sharp end. It was Jim Mortimer who, in 1982, in his first speech to conference as general secretary, proposed that Militant Tendency's editorial board be ousted from the party. Now Mortimer is furious about allegations that his own constituency party is riddled with "militants". The London Labour Party has *sent a report to* Walworth Road alleging that around 40 members of the Bermondsey party are members of the proscribed organization. Mortimer fumes: "No charges have been put to anyone, and that clearly is improper and against natural justice. I am on the management committee of Bermondsey and the first I heard that a report had been forwarded to the headquarters of the party was when I read it in the local paper." In an uncanny echo of Peter Taft he is even using words like "witch hunt".

Late bloom

Although most people say you are as young as you feel, the gospel according to Teresa Gorman, MP, is that you are as young as your skin feels. The member for Billericay, who has spoken warmly of the youthful effect of hormone replacement therapy in the past, is, I discover, chairman of a charity promoting its use by middle-aged women. Named after "a mythical, never-fading flower; a symbol of immortality and enduring beauty to the Greeks", the Amarant Trust operates from her London home. Mrs Gorman is better known for keeping her youth in the time-honoured fashion of fibbing about her age. Her birth certificate has conclusively proved that she is neither 46, nor yet 51 — but 56.

● **When honourable members sit down to eat in the Commons canteen, they are now confronted by a notice reminding them that the cutlery and crockery is not theirs and must not be taken away. Was it not Ralph Waldo Emerson who wrote: "The louder he talked of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons"?**

Paid leave

Politicians should be wary of rhetoric. A young Palestinian has taken Israeli minister Yosef Shapira up on his statement on television that he would happily give Arabs £20,000 a head to leave the area. Basseem Abdel Fatah turned up outside government offices in Jersusalem with a note saying that he was off to America and would like the cash pronto. After the guards got over their surprise, the letter was duly passed on. London's Camden council would be proud of him.

Chat show

Divine inspiration having occasionally deserted Irish churchmen faced with television cameras, Californian tutors have been brought in to groom them in the art of smart answers. Fifteen priests, including the Bishop of Galway, the Most Rev Eamonn Casey, were yesterday subjected to a crash course in thought marshalling. The Rev Miles O'Brien-Riley, director of the Catholic Communications Centre in San Francisco, presided over the session, in which microphone-thrusting reporters pounced on priests with posers like: "Should the Border Fox be excommunicated?" Afterwards, the pupils watched their performances on video — and were consumed with giggles at the results. But O'Brien-Riley expects his Dublin stay to be short: apparently the Irish priests are already so well endowed with the gift of the gab that only minimal further coaching is required.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least she'll be able to afford to have her teeth looked at'

Freedom song

I have a dream: this Christmas the record charts will be headed by a song from Sir Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom*. Whatever the film's merits, part of its soundtrack, "Nksoi Sikelele", the unofficial African National Anthem, is — though its lyrics elude me — a cracking tune. The only problem is that MCA, the record company producing the LP of the film, has no plans to release the song as a single. I hope it changes its mind, otherwise, let us be realistic, Max Bygrave's seasonal offering, "Daddy, Don't Get Drunk Again This Christmas", could end up top of the pops.

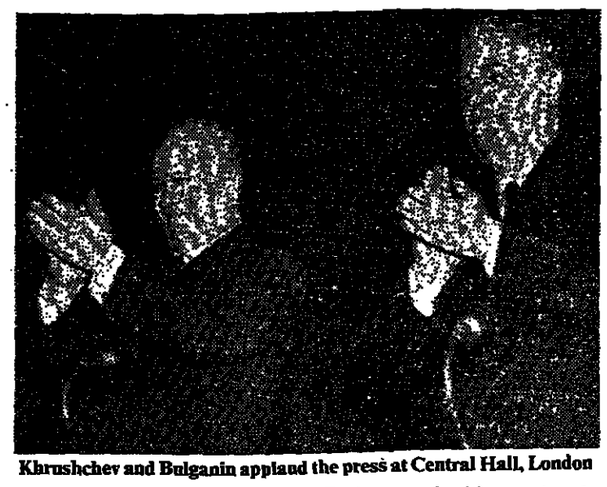
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As Gorbachov announces a visit, Owen Seymour remembers the B&K show

Cool days in Britain for a cold war couple

Mikhail Gorbachov, whose forthcoming four-hour stop-over in London was announced by Mrs Thatcher yesterday, can expect a warmer welcome than was given to the last official visit by a Russian leader, 31 years ago. That was the 10-day tour by Bulganin, the prime minister, and Khrushchev, the party leader, in April 1956, now best remembered for the ill-fated dive by Commander Lionel "Buster" Crabb off a Russian warship in Portsmouth harbour.

Applause was then "restrained", as *The Times* put it, when the Soviet convoy sped to Claridges from Victoria Station, following their greeting by the prime minister, Sir Anthony Eden. "A few cheered but others watched in silence while the Russians waved and smiled."



Khrushchev and Bulganin applaud the press at Central Hall, London

On their return to Moscow, the B and K of newspaper headlines expressed their general satisfaction with the success of the visit, despite the attempt of the Labour opposition to spoil it all. "We must tell you quite frankly," said Khrushchev on his return, "that some of the Labour leaders were definitely anti-Soviet." Almost equally disappointing was their failure to meet many of the "ordinary people" of Britain, despite trips outside London to, among other places, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Oxford.

It was not for another 14 months, however, that the most embarrassing aspect of their visit came to light. It was then that the headless, handless body of the veteran retired naval frogman, Crabb, was washed up in Portsmouth harbour, after what seems to have been an unauthorized expedition for British intelligence to examine the hull of the Soviet destroyer Smotryashchie, which had escorted the cruiser carrying the Russians to this country.

By unfortunate coincidence at the start of this year the present government decided that the files on the Crabb incident should be kept closed to the public until the year 2057 — suggesting that Britain still has good reason to find the incident deeply embarrassing.

Time, though, was a great healer even in those days of spluttering cold war and mutual misunderstanding. Within three years, in 1959, Harold Macmillan, the late Lord Stockton, was in Moscow paying the first official visit by a Conservative prime minister and scoring a near-success through his impeccable feel for timing and diplomacy. His trip might have been a total success but for the mercurial Khrushchev — by then very much in charge at the Kremlin.

This will not be Gorbachov's first trip to Britain, of course. He came here in December 1984 before his appointment as party general secretary — though already regarded as "the man most likely to . . ." This was the visit that led Mrs Thatcher to describe him as a man with whom the government could do business. It was also the visit which introduced his wife Raisa — a smartly dressed member of the Soviet intelligentsia — to the British public. Her contrast to Mrs Khrushchev perhaps mirrored most graphically the change in Russian lifestyles over the years.

Earlier this year Mrs Thatcher went to Moscow. It was an occasion from which many had expected much, following the disappointment of the Reykjavik summit between Gorbachov and President Reagan. In the event it was not a visit which produced much positive achievement. On the other hand it did confirm the burgeoning relationship between London and Moscow — as well as the good working relationship between the two leaders.

To some extent Britain's position between the superpowers has been diminished by their own improved ability to get on together. Still, the fact that Gorbachov is stopping here on his way to Washington for his much heralded summit is indicative of the continuing rapport between the two. To describe Anglo-Soviet relations as warm would be going too far — but "correct" would be doing them an injustice. But they are certainly far happier than they were in that spring of 1957.

Robin Oakley on the opposition's thinking on its chances in the next election



Labour: digging for victory or defeat in '91?

The working groups which Labour has now set up to revise the party's policies should take as their bedside reading this week the latest *Political Quarterly*. Devoted to the realignment of the left, academics and politicians set out to examine the prospects of Labour, on its own or in a deal with any other party, actually defeating the Conservatives in 1991.

Two themes recur. Is Labour's relationship with the unions a crucial handicap, and has the time come for an electoral deal between the anti-Conservative forces?

If Labour is to eradicate the Alliance it must make changes so deep that it can achieve a major shift of allegiance in the electorate. There is no sign that changes of that magnitude are yet contemplated. But is there then any prospect of an alliance at least to see the Conservatives deprived of power in a hung parliament if Labour cannot take it for itself?

Professor Bernard Crick writes: "If Labour aspires to be a national, not just a regional, party again then proportional representation has positive attractions. We might never form a majority government, but the people are not likely to vote for one anyway. Yet we could be the dominant partner in a Lib-Lab coalition for a very long time."

Both the Liberals and Labour are clearly moving towards consumerist politics. Crick argues that common policies could be agreed between Labour and the Alliance on restoring the welfare state, local government and schools, the democratization of institutions, training and continuing education, reforming the tax structure and constitutional reform. Even if there is not a full pact, says Ben Pimlott, professor of politics at Birkbeck College, "the mood of the left and centre may now be sufficiently in harmony to make other kinds of initiative desirable".

Probably the bleakest assessment comes from Austin Mitchell, one of Neil Kinnock's front-bench colleagues. Labour, says Mitchell, is now an "under party" relegated to the peripheries of British life, representing a world that is passing. Bluntly, he warns: "We must now recognize that socialism is the language of the ghetto. Ours. Labour structures are lids on the ghetto, not a ladder out."

Mitchell reminds us that Labour had three tasks in the 1987 poll — recovering ground, shaking off the Alliance and eroding the Tory majority sufficiently to be able to win in a single stride next time. It did none of those things. He now wants a deal in 20 seats or so on the promise the Alliance will back Labour in confidence votes.

Pacts, deals and alliances are in the minds of the thinkers. But will they be translated into anything practical before 1991? I still doubt if we have reached the age of the realignment of the left. There is an immense psychological barrier for Labour to cross in seeking a deal. As Pimlott points out, it would be an admission that it could no longer tackle the Tory party on equal terms.

Kinnock has shown no interest in proportional representation and yet, as the Liberal Michael Meadowcroft argues in his *Political Quarterly* contribution, PR would have to be the price for any deal. "Without a clear commitment to PR on the part of a potential coalition partner it is suicide for Liberals to announce in advance that they will only negotiate with one party."

The union link which no Labour theorist seems willing to contemplate casting off is a great barrier to any deal with the Alliance. The first generation of Labour leaders to try would probably perish in the attempt. And what anyway would Labour stand to gain directly from the deal? It could ensure that the Tories lost a few seats to the Alliance. But Labour's return would be minimal.

Though the Liberals might gain up to a dozen Tory seats by withdrawal of a Labour candidate, there are no seats which Labour could expect to win by the withdrawal of a Liberal candidate. What is so conveniently forgotten is that while there may be a 53 per cent anti-Conservative majority there is, by the same argument, a 65 per cent anti-Labour majority. Without an Alliance candidate the Alliance vote would split more in the Tories' favour.

Bryan Gould, shadow trade and industry minister, has done Labour's sums. "There are only 38 seats where the Tory majority over the Liberals is smaller than the Labour vote, and only 28 where the defection of some Liberals to the Conservatives — the price the Liberals would have to pay for a deal with Labour — would leave the Liberals with a realistic chance.

"If one then deducts genuine three-way marginals and seats where Labour controlled the local authority, in neither of which would it be realistic to expect Labour to withdraw, the number of Liberal gains at the expense of the Conservatives would be negligible. Labour would have suffered considerable political damage for the sake of inflicting the merest pin-prick on the Tories."

Labour may hope that the Alliance will wither, leaving the field to Kinnock. But the Alliance vote has not been a committed football-supporter style party allegiance. It has been largely a protest vote against the two major parties. So long as some kind of half-credible vehicle emerges from the merger talks the prospects are that the Alliance vote will revive and that the country will continue to be governed by a minority Conservative Party whose rivals are split and who have little prospect of getting together.

If there was no other sign of that then we should surely note the departure for the Royal Institute of British Architects of Bill Rodgers, a founding father of the SDP and one of the realists of British politics. In his contribution he concludes: "The 1987 election has probably postponed the realignment of British politics by a decade."

The odds remain on Mrs Thatcher in 1991.

Fleur de Villiers on the potency of growing share ownership by South African blacks

Trading sanctions for share stakes

Black people may be denied a direct say in the government of South Africa, but they are acquiring a direct stake in South Africa Incorporated. This week's announcements of worker equity schemes by the Ford Motor Company, and the Anglo American Corporation and its associate, the diamond giant De Beers, are the latest in a series of such developments which are changing the face of the South African economy and could yet have a major impact on its politics.

Ford is placing 24 per cent of its equity in a trust fund for workers, while Anglo American is providing a share ownership scheme for all its 275,000 employees. These schemes are part of a growing trend of local and multinational companies to turn black workers, who only a few years ago were decreed under apartheid to be "temporary sojourners in white South Africa", into shareholders.

The spread of popular share ownership in South Africa, however, has its origin in two apparently contradictory motives. For Ford the share deal provides an avenue of escape from South Africa; for Anglo American and other South African companies it is an investment in the future, an attempt to create in black South Africans a sense of the benefits of capitalism as opposed to the socialism advocated by the black trade unions and by the African National Congress.

In the early 1980s, faced by a dwindling and grossly over-traded South African car market, Ford merged with Anglo American to create the Sigma Corporation, later renamed Samcor, which built and marketed both Mazda and Ford products. By 1986, as disinvestment fever gripped the United States and Ford was threatened with state and municipal procurement boycotts, disinvestment began to seem the only option, a route already followed by 150 other US companies.

Some, like General Motors, sold out at bargain basement prices to local management which promptly, in a recession-hit economy, retrenched black workers, abrogated the Sullivan Code which required firms to enforce integrationist work practices, and reversed the policy of not selling to the South African government. Others simply closed down their plants and walked away, thus putting even more black workers out of jobs. A Ford pull-out would have meant the closure of Samcor and the loss of 4,000 jobs.

Faced with that option, the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa, which like most other black unions has tended to adopt a position of doctrinaire hostility to share participation schemes, would appear to have had little choice. After endless negotiation a deal of labyrinthine complexity was struck which will enable Ford to remove its equity from South Africa, relieving pressure on the company from sanctioneers in the United States, but keeping its name on the South African roads and its workers at the assembly line. The deal is a triumph for common sense when counsels of despair maintain that there is little room or hope for constructive negotiation.

Other South African unions have been less realistic and have paid the price in open defiance by members tempted by the benefits of people's capitalism. When Coca-Cola cut direct ties with South Africa to become Amalgamated Beverage Industries it offered 11 million shares to its workforce and its small dealers. Despite union opposition, its offer was taken up by some 80 per cent of employees and dealers.

Disinvestment, however, is only one element in the growth of black capitalism. In a recent move Shell offered ownership of 16 of its filling stations and workshops to the South African Bus and Taxi Association, an exclusively black organization. One of the most popular share flotations in recent months has been a joint venture by American and black entrepreneurs in a Disney World-type operation on the outskirts of Soweto. The share offer by Anglo American and De Beers, however, simply because of the conglomerate's enormous size, will set a new benchmark in the spread of black capitalism in South Africa.

Employers insist that the aim is not an attempt to undercut unions or blunt pressure for higher wages and better conditions. Share offers are not in lieu of higher wages but an attempt to convince black South Africans of the benefits of capital, to show them that money is a resource and not merely a reward. Socialism is attractive to people who — through the machinations of apartheid — have come to mistrust capital as a white man's privilege. The efforts being made by companies in South Africa to explode that view could have a far more profound effect on the future politics of the country than the slogans of the sanctioneers. People with a direct share in South Africa's economy are unlikely to destroy it. Neither, however, can they long be denied a share in its government.

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John Rae

Low horizons in Bakerland

The establishment of the City Technology Colleges is one of the more radical and imaginative of Mr Baker's educational reforms. The colleges, which will have direct financial support from central government, will break the local authorities' 85-year monopoly of public education. They will provide a choice of secondary school in inner-city areas where choice is most needed. The technological bias will help to cure the technophobia from which our education system has suffered from its inception. They will have a working partnership with local industry. As co-educational colleges they will explode the myth put about by headmistresses that girls will only tackle boyish subjects such as technology in single-sex schools.

For all these reasons I support the concept of the City Technology Colleges. I particularly welcome the prospect of the colleges striking a blow for equal opportunity by encouraging working-class children to believe that they can aim as high in career terms as the children of the middle class. A revolution in expectations is what the colleges should offer these inner-city pupils.

I was dismayed, therefore, to read the prospectus of the first City Technology College, which will open at Kingshurst in Birmingham next September. Under the heading "What sort of student is the college looking for?" it lists the jobs that the pupils will be expected to do when they leave:

"The students will be boys and girls who may find their futures in any of the following occupations: a secretary who will have to use modern technology and equipment; a supermarket assistant who will have to understand stock control methods; a worker in a large hotel or, indeed, in a motorway service station; a communications specialist, say at Pebble Mill; a worker in the motor industry dealing with automation; a clerk in a ticket office, perhaps at Birmingham International; an architect or engineer in local government, or a technician, a technologist or a scientist in industry!"

When I read this list for the first time, I could have cried out aloud in my frustration. A secretary, a supermarket assistant, a clerk in a ticket office — what had happened to the revolution in expectations?

I recognize that the City Technology Colleges intend "to attract pupils with a broad range of ability", and that a major emphasis in the concept is "to give good teaching in technical subjects to the schoolchildren who do not currently even achieve one O level pass", a group that comprises nearly half of all school leavers. To enable these children to find jobs at all would be an improvement on the present situation. But the way in which the probable jobs are listed in the Kingshurst prospectus reflects all too accurately the modest expectations that characterize so many of our state schools.

The assumption is that most inner-city children will never be able to rise above the level of secretary and clerk. The few who become architects or engineers should not look further than a post in local government. As for that exclamation mark after "industry", what can it mean other than that a boy or girl who gets a job as a scientist in industry will have to be exceptional?

I have just returned from the United States, where the education system for all its limitations is not based on the premise that the majority will have to settle for modest achievement and humdrum jobs. Opportunity is in the air. It may be optimistic to believe that anyone with the ability and the ambition can reach the top, but that is a better educational philosophy than the pessimism that pervades the British system.

The Bronx High School of Science in New York, which Mr Baker himself visited only a few weeks ago, is selective but in other respects is not dissimilar to a City Technology College. I have spent a day with the students at Bronx Science and it was abundantly clear that they had not been encouraged to think in terms of being a secretary or a clerk in a ticket office. Many of those I spoke to were thinking in terms of Harvard or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In Britain, it is unthinkable that a new independent school, even one that aimed to attract all abilities, would list in Kingshurst's modest terms the careers that it anticipated for its pupils. The fee-paying middle-class parents would assume at the outset that their children would be encouraged to aim higher.

That is the clue to what has gone wrong in the Kingshurst prospectus. The author has not been able to step outside the class assumptions of British society. He has assumed that because these are working-class children they will have to set their sights low. The first City Technology College has generous industrial backers, and from all reports an excellent principal. I hope they will consider withdrawing the prospectus and re-writing this section in terms that reflect the sense of opportunity we associate with America.

"England isn't always going to be divided into officers and other ranks" says the young wife of Mr Chips in James Hilton's 1934 classsic story of school life. How wrong she was. Fifty years on, the division is still with us, defeating the majority of children before they have a chance to discover what their talents are. The City Technology Colleges are one way of giving these children hope that opportunity is not a middle-class monopoly. It is crucial, therefore, that the colleges do not start with the assumption that their principal job is to educate children to fill the other ranks.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

Aid a comrade at Christmas

I am appealing today on behalf of an old gentleman who is far away from home and needs your help. Separated for so long from family and friends, he is known to neighbours simply as Comrade Kim.

No, this is not another South Korean politician, but Mr Kim Philby, whose dedication to the work ethic forced him into voluntary exile 24 years ago — before England had won the World Cup or the Two Ronnies had even been introduced. Behind him he left everything a man holds dear — a job on *The Observer*, a seat at Lord's, a string of women, the C of E . . .

Nine thousand bottles of vodka later, he sits in his Moscow flat, a pot of beluga caviare by his side, reflecting on what might have been. Even his hopes of a Nobel Peace Prize have, alas, not been fulfilled — just pipped at the post, as he puts it, by Mother Teresa.

The shoulders are more bent than they were. The hair, once Brezhnev black, is a fashionable Gorbachov grey. The figure which once bestrode the Foreign Office now shuffles through the snow on shaky legs. Two sticks support him, while Muscovite youths shout "watch it grandad" as a football narrowly misses his perestroika.

He wears thick glasses now to read *Izvestia*. The steely eyes which once could pick out an Insight hack the length of the Bolshoi theatre have been dimmed by many years of faithful scholarship — peering through the viewfinders of tiny cameras to record bulky Whitehall documents for posterity.

The solitary lamp burned late into the night on his desk in the embassy at Washington, as poor Philby laboured on, long after the others had left. But the man who could once be under his chair in five seconds at the sound of a creaking stair now cups an ear to listen and raises his voice to speak — the immaculate cut-glass voice of the English middle class, booming through the salons of up-town Moscow. "Oh God, he's off again," they say, like a clutch of lunchtime drinkers at the Garrick.

His chums have now long gone — old Donald and Guy and Sir Anthony (who wrote such newsy letters of life at court). How he longs for the occasional glimpse of the *Morning Star*, to tell him the latest gossip in the NUM. Old copies are filed away in yellowing piles, behind the calfbound volumes of *Stalin's Diaries* and a dog-eared *Wisden* for '62.

Kim Philby is in the twilight of his days now. As he buttons his Marx and Spencer cardigan against the Russian winter, he has one ambition to meet before night falls. He would like to see his old country once again.

As the smell of his wife's rich bortsch mingles with the wood-smoke in his dacha, he still longs for the scent of an English country lane in late November — when a grey mist clings to the hedgerows and the soil is soft and twitching from last night's rain. He fancies he can hear a water vole — and a colony of rooks high in the oaks. There are crumpets for tea, and brown teapots — in the mind's eye of this hapless refugee.

But the immigration laws now tell against him. His passport has long expired and the British embassy staff are most unhelpful. "Anyone would think I came from Bangladesh," he booms to anyone in earshot, as he hopelessly combs *Pravda's* late sporting edition for news of how the Light Blues did in the Boat Race.

Kim Philby would like to return here for a holiday. He fancies lunch at the Savoy Grill again and a shopping trip to Fortnum's in the morning, while a Salvation Army band outside plays carols in the cold. It's these little things of life he misses most.

But he is looking for a sponsor for his visit — and to pay for his first-class ticket with Aeroflot. He also needs some simple hospitality — roast turkey (with all the trimmings), plum pudding with brandy butter, a little vodka, some reasonable claret, a spot of Grand Marnier (Rouge), a hearth where he can warm his Church's slippers and a bed to sleep it all off on Boxing Day . . . He is searching for an English home from home.

So I ask you to search your hearts and pockets — and give generously to help this poor old gentleman, the last of a dying breed who made Cambridge what it was between the wars. Invite Kim Philby to share your festive board this Christmas . . .

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DOCTORS WITHOUT NURSES

Health ministers must be feeling beleaguered. As well as the parliamentary noise yesterday over the Government's review of primary health care, attention has inevitably turned to David Barber, the Birmingham baby whose hole-in-the-heart operation was carried out only after five postponements, court cases and consequent national publicity.

This baby's chance of life has been jeopardized not by shortages of equipment or skilled surgical hands or beds in which he might recover. The shortage has been of the specially trained nurses who alone can care intensively for such a vulnerable patient.

David Barber is not the first patient to suffer from a lack of nursing talent, nor will he be the last. There is an absolute shortage of nurses in certain specialisms, including neo-natal care. However prompt the response of health authorities and politicians – and the Government must surely make some more active recognition of the problem than it has – it will take years to muster the required numbers.

It may be of some consolation to the Health Minister, Mr Tony Newton, that Conservative ministers in the 1950s and early 1960s faced a similar problem. He will note, however, that the means of their salvation – the entry into the NHS of large numbers of Commonwealth trainees – is no longer available.

That influx was followed by a demographic increase in the number of young women available for work. But the pool of young women with the type of qualifications from which the NHS needs to draw is now falling. In theory the NHS might take a larger share. But that prospect has to be set against the expansion of other opportunities for women as the structure of the economy changes.

The National Health Service has a problem here which cannot be safely ignored. For the sake of David Barber and the children and adults who may come after him, health ministers ought now to be contemplating a rapid response. They, and the Government as a whole, have much to lose by giving the appearance of complacency.

Next week the Royal College of Nursing will put forward its 1988 claim for nurses' pay. Ministers would have done well before then to have given the public a sense that they appreciate both the scale of the nursing manpower problem and the fact that it cannot be wished away by a single year's pay settlement, however generous.

What must be done? First, attempts must be made to pull back into nursing those qualified nurses who have left the job, either for domestic reasons or to go abroad. A patriotic appeal would only work if it were coupled with a "returner's bonus" and some signal from the NHS that in the longer term the career and prospects of nurses are improving.

Secondly, hospitals have long lists of nurses who are leaving in their mid-20s. There is a growing gap between hospitals' projected needs for staff and the levels of recruitment into training. Health authorities need a much more active policy of marketing the job, especially to men and older people. The stereotype of a young woman nurse is all too prevalent still, and all too inappropriate as the population ages and the varieties of nursing proliferate.

Thirdly, the DHSS is going to have to build into its formula for distributing funds a better recognition of the cost of staffing and training in London. As long as London hospitals retain such a central role in training nurses for specialist functions then the London regions must be given the means to weight salaries more convincingly.

Fourthly, the Government should respond to the agenda laid down in the Project 2000 report from the United Kingdom Central Council. By itself that report, with its recommendations for upgrading nurse training, is insufficient. More flexibility is needed, more breaking down of outdated job categories. There are patently areas of work in hospital wards that require less skill than nursing but more than can be expected of cleaning and catering staff.

The report does not tackle the question of a career structure that will retain nurses on wards while lifting their pay along with their performance and responsibility. The National Union of Public Employees might not like it but the rewards of different grades and types of nursing will have to become more differentiated. There would be more theatre nurses in post now if their training had been recognized by such pay increments.

Finally, the NHS should not have to face this problem alone. Private hospitals have benefited by attracting trained nurses who seek higher rewards and better working conditions. The private sector cannot free itself either from general shortages in specialist nurses or from making a financial contribution to alleviating the position.

Sooner or later nursing in Britain has to head down a road already signposted by the Royal College of Nursing. This is towards "professionalization" based, more or less, on training to degree standard. Such a move would bring Britain into line with other countries. It would give nursing that attractiveness so necessary if, during the decade to come, life-threatening shortages on display this week are to be avoided.

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

The arrangements for inspecting American missile sites in Britain, as disclosed last night, graphically illustrate the extent to which the forthcoming treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) has broken new ground. The regime, under which up to 20 Soviet experts at a time may pay surprise visits to Greenham Common and Molesworth until the year 2001, would have seemed an impossible goal a decade ago.

On-site inspection to monitor arms control has long been a Western demand, which was accepted by Soviet negotiators only recently. They first acknowledged the need for it in the context of the talks on chemical weapons – but this is the first time that a monitoring programme of such detail and complexity has been agreed.

As they affect this country, the arrangements seem satisfactory. Only the two cruise missile sites will be open to the Soviet inspection team, which will be chosen from 200 previously named individuals. It may not be possible to stop those all being employees of the KGB; but at least it will be known which KGB employees they are.

Britain will have a right of veto over final team membership. British as well as American officials will accompany them on their tour. The intrusion is designed to be disciplined and to build, rather than erode, mutual confidence.

The greatest American gain in the negotiations was probably the right to monitor the SS-25 missile launcher plant at Votinsk. The objective is to deter the conversion of long-range SS-25s into banned INF SS-20s, by simply lopping off a rocket stage. If the Soviet Union was really anxious to circumvent the terms of the agreement, it could do so. No verification procedures can be watertight but this treaty sets what are undeniably new standards.

The history of Soviet compliance to arms control treaties has been unsatisfactory. In the years following the signing of Salt-1 in 1972, they tended – to put it most charitably – to be working to the letter of the agreement rather than its spirit. As the letter of the agreement was sometimes not all that clear, this allowed plenty of scope for interpretation.

After the ill-starred Salt-2 agreement, a growing number of complaints from Washington about deliberate Soviet cheating led to a suspicion that the process had broken down. Experience has taught those involved that the only truly worthwhile arms agreements will be those which are very tightly drafted and backed up by comprehensive verification procedures. The INF treaty, which is set to be signed at next month's summit, is the most searching test to date of this philosophy.

There are still loopholes. One is the failure to provide for inspection of potential but undeclared INF sites; it is arguable that Soviet inspectors should be allowed to visit other American bases in Britain and vice versa. On the positive side, the steady improvements in satellite technology and, particularly, the development of electronic satellites should provide a continual overview of superpower territory. The installation of permanent cameras at missile plants and the addition of sliding roofs at SS-25 bases should help to reassure the military men on both sides.

BUILDING TO RENT

The announcement earlier this week that the Nationwide Anglia Building Society is to set up a new company to invest up to £600 million in private rented housing is to be welcomed. It will be especially welcome to the Government, coming, as it does, in the week after publication of the Housing Bill. One of the prime purposes of that Bill is precisely to promote the revival of private rented accommodation.

This latest piece of legislation is part of a developing policy to reduce more of the controls on rents. In the years since the war the private rented sector in Britain almost disappeared because of successive tightening of rent controls which drove landlords out of business – both the bad and the good.

Young people or families needing temporary accommodation have consequently found it increasingly difficult to find anywhere. This has helped to discourage displaced workers moving to find a job. While the increase in owner occupation has been highly desirable a healthy housing market should provide a choice of tenure to match the varying needs of householders.

The Bill is not, in fact, essential to the Nationwide initiative which was devised before its contents were known. But the company's aims are very much in its spirit. Most of the new building which Nationwide will undertake, and also much of the refurbishment, will be done under the Assured Tenancy Scheme which has been the Government's spearhead in the drive to deregulation. This allows developers to build or refurbish outside the provisions of the rent Acts. Thus it supplies the missing incentive to satisfy demand for quality housing at market rents.

Some of the rest will be let on shorthold tenancies which are also outside the scope of the rent Acts and are specially designed for mobile workers wanting temporary accommodation. How much will be new property and how much existing depends partly on market conditions but it could be 50-50. The company plans to provide both up-market accommodation for professionals and less luxurious property in partnership with local authorities. Inner-city areas in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Liverpool, Newcastle and eventually London will be among the beneficiaries.

This is just the kind of influx of private capital which the Government is hoping to encourage. There is, however, a large unresolved question on which ministers have so far been less than explicit. This is the potential public spending cost of additional housing benefit payable to poorer tenants taking tenancies at market rents rather than controlled rents. How large this cost may be and how quickly it may develop are difficult to forecast, but it is an issue which cannot be sidestepped for much longer if future initiatives are to be made with confidence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life insurance and risk of Aids

From the Chief Executive of the Association of British Insurers

Sir, In his article published on November 24 Wesley Gryk accepts that the majority (in fact the vast majority) of those contracting Aids in Britain up to now have been male homosexuals. He then claims that insurance underwriting decisions cannot logically be justified solely on the basis of an individual's purported sexual orientation.

Insurance companies operate on the basic principle that high-risk groups should pay more for their cover. This applies to motor and fire insurance just as much as to life insurance: in extreme cases, the risk presented may not be insurable. Quite simply, this enables companies to fulfil their overriding obligation to be prudent with the funds entrusted to them by the policyholders and to maintain their solvency, which is closely supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry under the Insurance Companies Act.

At the moment Government statistics show that the incidence of Aids is much higher among homosexual and bisexual males than in any other identifiable group. While this position continues, insurance companies need to ask questions enabling them to identify applicants belonging to this particular high-risk group. Further questions can then be asked to establish whether they, as individuals, are an acceptable risk.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. JONES, Chief Executive,
Association of British Insurers,
Aldermary House,
Queen Street, EC4.

From Mr Trevor Pearcy

Sir, Wesley Gryk's article highlights the current discriminatory policy of insurance companies towards homosexual men. Over the past year the number of inquiries to the Terrence Higgins Trust on insurance matters has noticeably increased as insurers have intensified their efforts to identify homosexuals among applicants for life insurance on the assumption that they belong to a high-risk category requiring special consideration.

In fact, a homosexual man practising safe sex is less likely to be exposed to the HIV virus than a heterosexual man who is not practising safe sex. It is the nature of the sexual activity that is important, not the sexual orientation.

None the less insurers are increasingly asking applicants direct questions about their sexual orientation. Such questions are not only irrelevant in assessing risk, but are also an unjustified invasion of privacy. Similar questions are also being directed by insurers to the GPs of applicants and the long-term consequences will be a growing reluctance on the part of homosexual men to be candid with their doctors. This will adversely affect the mutual trust and confidence on which effective health care is dependent.

If insurers in the United States can operate their businesses without discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, insurers in the United Kingdom can and should do likewise, confining their questions to matters which are truly material to the risks involved.

Sincerely,
TREVOR PEARCY (Chairman, Legal Services Group),
Terrence Higgins Trust Ltd,
BM AIDS, WC1N 3XX.
November 25.

From Professor David Short

Sir, Wesley Gryk's article sets out the problem presented to insurance companies by the insidious spread of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection among certain sections of the population. The insurance companies naturally want to identify those applicants who are at risk of developing the disease. This can most certainly be achieved by a blood test; but such a test is widely regarded as being unacceptable.

Surely there is a simple answer to this dilemma. The Association of British Insurers should issue an agreed statement to the effect that no payment will be made in respect of death or any illness caused by the Aids virus. There would then be no need for any questions to be asked about lifestyle, and no need for a blood test.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SHORT,
48 Victoria Street,
Aberdeen, Grampian.

Airline merger

From Mr Anthony Coombs, MP for Wyre Forest (Conservative)

Sir, The decision by Lord Young to allow the BA/BCal merger to go ahead, subject to restrictions, was applauded a shade prematurely by those who wanted to rescue BCal whilst preserving the Government's competitive credentials with the other airlines. Lord King has not only played the white knight, but has probably improved his negotiating position into the bargain.

Certainly he has given little away; the domestic BCal routes he gives up were losing £7 million a year, and BA can expect to pick up a large proportion of the profitable international connecting business anyway.

Although BA are to give up 10 of BCal's principal European routes, of these, seven are not even presently operating. Lastly, even the 5,000 slots at Gatwick to be surrendered represent only 10 per cent of the BA/BCal entitlement there.

So whether the proposals will mean more competition and cheaper travel will depend upon some nitty-gritty bargaining and careful monitoring by the Civil Aviation Authority. They have a rare second chance to reform the fudge that masqueraded in 1984 as a multi-airline policy.

First, they should conduct a licence revenue that opens to tender *all* BCal's current routes, including those to Munich, Geneva and Zurich, to competition. Second, they must ensure that the Gatwick slots, so graciously ceded by BA, are therefore balanced and not confined to the "wee small hours".

Finally, the CAA should see that independents are allocated permits on *all* international routes on which BA and BCal previously competed and now operate as one carrier. Fine words may then possibly become fine deeds.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY COOMBS,
House of Commons.
November 24.

From the Chairman of Dan-Air

Sir, Representing an airline that has a wider spread of interests between charter and scheduled services than most other British airlines, I would like to comment on the situation surrounding the proposed BA/BCal merger.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission was required to decide whether the merger was against the public interest, not to produce a new directive for the airline industry. This it did and BA is committed to surrendering eight actual operational routes and seven licences not already being operated, though it remains free to reapply for them in competition with the rest of us.

It will also withdraw appeals on eight licences and has undertaken not to oppose applications from other carriers wishing to compete with it on a number of routes where dual or multiple designation is available. However, the most important airport policy question of the future of Gatwick was not within the brief of the MMC and it is one with which the Department of Transport must grapple urgently.

It is in the best interest of the public to let the status quo at Gatwick continue, with charter and scheduled services competing on equal terms for the remaining limited capacity there. After all, as the MMC report points out, about 45 per cent of all passengers on UK charter flights use Gatwick. The charter airlines are now carrying over 10 million passengers a year on their charter flights to and from this airport.

Yours faithfully,
F. E. F. NEWMAN, Chairman,
Dan-Air Services Ltd,
New City Court,
20 St Thomas Street, SE1.
November 19.

Church and schools

From the Bishop of London

Sir, May I assure you that, despite your clear statement to the contrary (report, November 21), I made no comments whatsoever on Mr Baker's Education Reform Bill on the day it was published.

Had I done so I would certainly not have been as dismissive either of Mr Baker's actions or of his motives, as your report makes me out to have been. Nor would I have ignored the modifications which Mr Baker made in the Bill in response to our representations to his original proposals.

Publication of this letter will also give me the opportunity to put the record straight over the churches' motivation in questioning some of Mr Baker's original proposals. Despite the "suspicions" of your second leader of the same date, the churches have constantly been drawing attention to the possible consequences for the education system as a whole should opting out take place on the basis proposed. To accuse us of "self-serving" in this matter is as misconceived as it is offensive.

Your leader went on to suggest that the churches will find it "much harder to argue against grant-maintained status" now that Mr Baker's Bill contains new provision relating to religious education. But the simple fact is that the Bill fails completely to indicate the form that religious education will take in a grant-maintained school – as Mr Baker has himself suggested.

As for the charge that the churches are seeking to "deny to others" the sort of parental choice they themselves "already offer to some" through their voluntary-aided schools, this fails to recognise the important distinction between voluntary-aided schools and the proposed grant-maintained schools, namely that the former are maintained by local authorities; the latter would not be.

Such a charge also ignores the very clear affirmation set at the beginning of my earlier open letter to Mr Baker:

We should state initially and emphatically that we welcome the Government's intentions both to enhance the quality of provision in the nation's schools and to draw parents more fully into the partnership of those responsible for this provision.

Yours faithfully,
†GRAHAM LONDIN:,
Chairman, Board of Education,
The General Synod of the Church of England,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.

Service for the community

From Professor B. T. Robson

Sir, The Prince of Wales's call (report, November 19) for national community service and its endorsement by your own leader writer are most welcome. Just over two years ago, in my presidential address to section E of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, I made just such a proposal.

It has been clear for some time that too many young people are indeed facing a "crisis of exclusion" and, in that unhappy situation, they are fodder for unpleasant and ignorant extremist political groups of both right and left. Worse still, such youngsters are all too easily absorbed into the murky half-world of petty criminality.

Any scheme of city or community service should be based on the twin principles of universality and flexibility; the first to avoid the stigma associated with the "failures" who are faced with no alternative other than MSC (Manpower Services Commission) schemes; the latter to prise open the present rigidities that divide those who are from those who are not in full-time education.

Everyone should be required to undertake such service, but it would be open to being tackled at any age between, say, 16 and 30.

The apparent upturn in the British economy will not of itself dispel the ghosts of "them" and "us", of "haves" and "have-nots", which still haunt our society. Perhaps these spectres can never be totally banished, but our best hope is to give the younger generation a sense of common purpose; one which searches for a common good.

But we who are both older and part of "comfortable" Britain must be prepared to put our money where our mouth is. It has been suggested that "sabbaticals" might be granted to all adult workers at some stage in their working lives. Might it not be sensible to tie the enjoyment of that right to a spell in community service? A start might be made in the groves of academe, where such sabbaticals have long been a perk of the job.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN ROBSON,
University of Manchester,
School of Geography,
Oxford Road,
Manchester 13.
November 19.

Inner-city initiatives

From the Chairman of the Association of London Authorities

Sir, I gather from reports in *The Times* (November 17) that Mr Trippier has been emphasising the Government's wish to involve local authorities in inner-city initiatives.

I find this rather astonishing as it is just one month ago that the executive of the Association of London Authorities met with Mr Ridley and offered the Government local council resources and a forum for discussion to work together on inner-city initiatives.

He firmly rejected our offer and told us there could be no co-operation until we accepted Government policy "in total".

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET HODGE,
Chairman,
Association of London Authorities,
36 Old Queen Street, SW1.
November 18.

Famine in Uganda

From the National Director of International Christian Relief

Sir, Ethiopia is once again making the headlines, but I wonder if your readers are aware of the imminent famine crisis in Uganda. We are reasonably confident that the famine can be averted if action is taken now.

The food position in central and north Karamojo is desperate. The staple crop harvest this year has resulted in a frightening shortfall in yield, ranging from a 75 per cent failure in sorghum to a total failure for beans.

Without help thousands could die, mainly children. In its concern the Government of Uganda has asked for help from the major relief agencies, including International Christian Relief. Our field director, whose wife is Ugandan, returned recently from Uganda and has underlined the gravity of the situation.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ROSS,
National Director,
International Christian Relief,
PO Box 180,
16 St John's Hill,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
November 23.

King's Cross fire

From Mr Kenneth Kolb

Sir, Fires in ships of the Falklands fleet, the Manchester store disaster, the Manchester Airport disaster and now again at King's Cross have all exposed the fatal effects of smoke and poisonous gases given off from burning cables. London Transport has for several years been using radox-insulated cables. Radox is the generic name for insulation which inhibits flame propagation and emission of gases.

The mass of cabling installed in the Underground would have required a massive programme of investment to replace. Nevertheless one lesson we could take must surely lead to an urgent revision to the standards for cabling in public buildings – of all types – to make the use of radox-type insulation compulsory.

Yours faithfully,
KEN KOLB,
Managing Director,
Suhner Electronics Ltd,
Telford Road,
Bicester,
Oxfordshire.

Error of judgement

From Mrs Rosalind G. Murray

Sir, Your various correspondence regarding "typing" errors is beginning to annoy me. Why is it always presumed that the shorthand-typist is at fault?

When I was a secretary I received the following dictation to a member of Parliament:

Thank you very much for agreeing to address our afternoon conference in Stoke-on-Trent next week.
If you can get up in time, we would be delighted if you would join us for lunch.

Needless to say, a little alteration was made before it was sent for signature.

Yours faithfully,
ROSALIND G. MURRAY,
8 Pendine Court,
Warwick Place,
Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire.
November 19.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 27 1937

Ramsay MacDonald (1866-1937), the former Labour Prime Minister, died on November 9 while on a holiday voyage to South America

MR. MACDONALD HONOURED

SERVICE IN THE ABBEY

A MOVING SCENE

A national tribute to James Ramsay MacDonald was paid yesterday at an impressive service in Westminster Abbey. The King was represented by the Duke of Gloucester. To-day, at Lossiemouth, the Scottish village where he was born, Mr. MacDonald will be laid to rest.

The body was brought to Westminster on a typical November day, with the sun fighting a gallant but losing battle against the fog. Except that the flags on the Victoria Tower of the House of Lords and on the Government buildings in Whitehall were at half-mast, the scene at Westminster, where over memorable years he was the chief actor, was much as he knew it for so long. Although a great Parliamentarian had gone from them, the House of Commons was sitting as usual, a handful of members keeping the business going while most of their colleagues were at the Abbey.

Inside the Abbey tall candles shed a soft light. People came early for this leave-taking of a man who was born in the humblest circumstances and yet was able to render his countrymen – indeed, the people of the whole world – invaluable service. The great and the wealthy, the unknown and the poor, composed the vast congregation. Mr. MacDonald's family had informed their father's friends that no tickets would be required for the service, so that all who wished to come might do so.

THE PALL BEARERS

The national grief at the passing of a great public servant was symbolized in the men who acted as pall bearers – the PRIME MINISTER; the SPEAKER, representing the Commons of England; SIR JOHN SIMON, representing the Liberal National group in the National Government; LORD DE LA WARR, of MR. MACDONALD'S own National Labour group; and LORD BALDWIN, almost equally responsible with MR. MACDONALD for the triumph of 1931. Also acting as pall bearers were MR. C. R. ATTLEE, Leader of the Opposition, his presence signifying that the great Labour movement, which MR. MACDONALD did so much to build up, had gracious memories of one to whom in the end it was fundamentally opposed; SIR WALTER CITRINE, representing the trade union movement; SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party; and, representative of the last phase in MR. MACDONALD'S life, when the Scottish Universities honoured him and themselves by electing him their member of Parliament, MR. J. GRAHAM KERR, M.P., and MR. G. A. MORRISON, M.P.

Similarly, the general congregation showed that regret at Mr. MacDonald's passing was felt in every sphere of the national life. Queen Mary was represented by Lord Claud Hamilton and the Duke of Kent by Lord Herbert. Mr. Lloyd George, "Father" of the House of Commons, was present. So also were most of the members of the Government – Lord Halifax, the Lord Chancellor, Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Thomas Inskip, Mr. Duff Cooper, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Oliver Stanley, Lord Swinton, Mr. W. S. Morrison, Lord Stanhope, Mr. Burgin, and Captain Margesson, the Government Chief Whip . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 26: Sir John Ure was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Stockholm.

Lady Ure had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Señor Juan Carlos Délano was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Chile to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty:

Admiral Carlos Mantellero (Naval Attaché), Señor Manuel Cárdenas (Minister Counsellor), Colonel Carlos Ottone (Air Force Attaché), Colonel Humberto Julio (Military Attaché), Señor Pablo Cabrera (Counsellor), Señor Luis Palma (Counsellor, Consular Affairs), Señorita Cecilia Mackenna (First Secretary) and Señor Rodrigo Quiroga (First Secretary).

Señora Délano had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr R.A.C. Byatt was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to New Zealand.

Mrs Byatt had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Right Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, (Secretary of State for the Environment), the Right Hon Tom King, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), the Right Hon John Stanley, MP (Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office) and the Right Hon Sir John MacDermott (Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland).

The Right Hon Sir John MacDermott having been previously appointed a Privy Councillor was sworn in a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Right Hon Sir John MacDermott had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood on his appointment as a Lord Justice of Appeal.

The Duchess of York this evening attended the Café Society Royal Ball in aid of the Leukaemia League of 365 at the Café Royal.

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the British Academy at 20 Cornwall Terrace, NW1.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 26: The Prince of Wales arrived at Birmingham International Station in the Royal Train this morning to visit the West Midlands.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, subsequently visited the Guildhall Retail Development, High Street, Walsall.

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a meeting of the Walsall Neighbourhood Partnership, at J. Sainsbury plc, High Street, Walsall.

His Royal Highness later inaugurated the Deansbank Centre Industrial Workshop Development, Corporation Street West, Walsall.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the International Convention Centre Construction Site, Cambridge Street, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness then attended a luncheon for Business in the Community at the Council House, Birmingham, and afterwards attended the Annual General Meeting of Business in the Community, the Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham School of Music, Paradise Circus.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Rupert Fairfax and Mr Philip Mackie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, this morning opened Chandler House, Wakefield Street, London WC1.

Mrs Max Pike was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 26: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at The Vintners' Company's Swan Feast at Vintners' Hall, EC4.

Mrs Howard Page and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland were in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Medical Women's Federation, was present today at a Symposium on "Women, Health and Work" at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Sussex Place, NW1. Her Royal Highness later attended a reception to mark the Federation's 70th Anniversary at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 26: The Duchess of Kent today visited the University of Leeds to celebrate 21 years as Chancellor of the University.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

Professor K.B.S. Smellie wishes to thank the Director of the London School of Economics, his former colleagues and friends for the kind wishes and beautiful flowers they sent him on his 90th birthday. He regrets that he was not able to celebrate the occasion with them, with the traditional champagne, as he is in hospital.

A memorial service for Max Harari will be held on Tuesday, December 1, at St James's Church, Piccadilly, W1, at 11.30 am. All friends and business colleagues are most welcome.

Major-General Sir Humphry and Lady Tollemache regret they were unable to attend the service of thanksgiving for Major-General R.C. de M. Leathes on Wednesday because of ill health.

Latest wills

Captain Hugh Dalrymple-Smith, of Wickham, Hampshire, who captained the light cruiser Arethusa when she took King George VI acrosss the Channel to inspect the Normandy beaches in 1944, left estate valued at £231,279 net.

Mr John Edward Cross, of Wenden Lofts, Saffron Walden, Essex, farmer, left estate valued at £1,070,622 net.

Mr Eric Carlen Fawcett, of Wimborne, Dorset, civil engineer, left estate valued at £1,264,220 net.

Mr Alec Benjamin Fitzherbert, of Quarndon, Derbyshire, chartered mechanical engineer, left estate valued at £821,836 net.

Mrs Viola Bruce Bourne, of Oakham, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £1,017,607 net.

Luncheons

Board of Deputies of British Jews
The Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Zenined were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday at Woburn House. Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, president, accompanied by Mrs Kopelowitz, honorary officers and the secretary general of the board, Mr Jacques Onona and Mr and Mrs Sidney Assor were the hosts. Among those present were:

The Egyptian Ambassador, the Hungarian Ambassador, Lord Bottomley, Lady Janner, Lord Wells-Pestell, Sir Alan Mocatta and the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter.

Islington Health Authority
A luncheon was given by Islington Health Authority on Tuesday, November 22, at the Whittington Hospital to pay tribute to the Simon Yudkin Memorial Trust for helping to fund the care and treatment of ill children in Islington. Mr Eric Moonman, chairman, Islington Health Authority, welcomed the trustees who included Professor Leonard Strang, Mr and Mrs Sam Wainwright, Dr John Yudkin, Dr Gill Yudkin and Mrs J Strom.

Dinners

Medical Women's Federation
The Duchess of Gloucester attended a reception held at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, yesterday to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Medical Women's Federation. The president, Dr Lotte Newman, and Council were the hosts. A dinner was held afterwards and among those present were:

Lord and Lady Pitt of Hampstead, Sir John Walton, Dame Josephine Mathews, Dame Mary Donaldson, Mr Norman Aronsohn, Dr Thomas and Dr Beulah Bewley, Mr David Bolt, Professor Ruth Bowden, Dr Beryl Corner, Professor Mervyn Drury, Miss Romola Dunsmore, The Ven Wallis Ewbank and Mrs Josephine Ewbank, Dr James Fisher, Mr Maturin and Mrs Aileen Goldhill, Mr and Mrs A H Grabham, Mr Jack and Mrs Helene Grahame, Dr Jean Hallum, Dr and Mrs John Havard, Mr Rex and Dr Jean Lawrie, Mrs Valerie Lenton, Dr and Mrs Marshall Marinker, Dr Gillian Markham, Dr and Mrs John Marks, Dr Monica McWeeney, Professor and Mrs Dennis Pereira Gray, Dr Pat Price, Mr and Mrs A P Ross, Dr Margaret Sprackling, Mr and Mrs Ian Todd, Dr and Mrs S Venugopal, Dr Dorothy Ward and Miss Cairlin Williams.

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Tunisia led by Mr Rachid Sfar, President of the National Assembly. The Tunisian Ambassador also attended. The other guests included:

Mrs Betty Boothroyd, MP, Viscount Buckmaster, Mr Michael Carttiss, MP, Dr Michael Clark, MP, Baroness David, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, Mr Michael Irvine, MP, Mr Martyn Jones, MP, Mr James Kilfedder, MP, Mr Edward Leadbitter, MP, Mr Keith Mans, MP, Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Lord Merrivale, Mr Norman Miscampbell, QC, MP, Lord Molloy, Miss Marjorie Mowlam, MP, Mr Edward Rowlands, MP, Mr Roger Stott, MP, Mr Neil Thorne, MP, Mr John Townend, MP, Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, Mrs Bridget Annon, Mrs Christine Collins, Mr Stephen Day, Canon Dr Donald Gray, Mr Mouldi Kefi, Mr Roger Sands, Captain Peter Shaw and Mr Peter Kilcall.

HM Government
Mr John Lee, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment, was host at a dinner held on Wednesday at Lancaster House in honour of the directors of Remploy Limited.

Caledonian Club
The Archbishop of Canterbury was the guest of honour at the annual St Andrew's Day dinner of the Caledonian Club held last night at the club. The Earl of Airlie, president, was in the chair.

University College and Middlesex School of Medicine
Professor D.V.I. Fairweather, Vice-Provost, Mr W.W. Slack, Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, and Professor A.P. Mathias, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, were the hosts at the inauguration dinner of the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Flowers was the guest of honour and speaker. Professor Fairweather and Dr M.C.I. Lipman also spoke.

Dinosaurs Club
Mr Donald Box, Chairman of the Dinosaurs Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP. Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, was the principal guest. Others present included:

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Harvington, Sir Bryant Godman Irwin, Sir John Peel, Sir John Tilney, Sir Victor Goodhew, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport, Mr Arthur Jones, Mr Evelyn King, Mr Charles Simeons, Mr W Percy Grieve, QC, Mr Denys Bullard and Mr John Baldock.

Two Cities Dining Club
Sir John Cuckney, accompanied by Lady Cuckney, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Two Cities Dining Club last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben, chairman, presided.

Old Reptonian Society
The annual dinner of the Old Reptonian Society was held last night in the Banqueting Suite at Lord's. The president of the society, Mr D.N. Carr, was in the chair and proposed the toast of the school, to which the Headmaster, Mr G.E. Jones, replied.

Society of Company and Commercial Accountants
Mr Raymond Spooner, President of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants, was host at the society's annual dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. The principal speakers were Baroness Hooper, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science, and Sir Kenneth Cork. Among the guests were:

Sir John and Lady Boreham, Mr and Mrs S M Blunt, Commander and Mrs M R Campbell, Mr William Cash, MP, Lady Cork, Dr R Houlton, Mr and Mrs J Graham, Mr and Mrs R L Jennings, Mr and Mrs B H Knox, Mr and Mrs L M Marden, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Bryan and Lady Nicholson, Mr B J Pelwet, Mr and Mrs J H Roberts, Mr and Mrs J L Standish, Sir Eric and Lady Sharp, Mr N F Tribble, Mr and Mrs Tonks, and Mr M C Wilhall.

Royal College of Organists
The competition for the Royal College of Organists' performer of the year award 1987 has been won by Mr James O'Donnell, assistant master of music at Westminster Cathedral.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Lindfield and Miss C.J.W. Burbury
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Dr Robert Lindfield and of Mrs Richard Dawe, and stepson of Mr Richard Dawe, of Pimlico, London, and Camilla, daughter of Major and the Hon Mrs T.N.P.W. Burbury, of Saltash, Cornwall.

Mr D.T. Brydon and Miss A.C. Baxter
The engagement is announced between David Templeton, son of Dr and Mrs F.K.P. Brydon, of St Boswells, Roxburgh, and Audrey Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.G. Baxter, of Fochabers, Morayshire.

Mr J.M.E. Cooper and Miss M.L. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark Eric, elder son of the Venerable John L. and Mrs Cooper, of Moseley, Birmingham, and Margaret Lesley, eldest daughter of the Rev Keith W.T.W. and Mrs Johnson, of Bexley, Kent.

Mr B.J. Garratt and Miss E.J. Sutcliffe
The engagement is announced between Bryan Johnston, son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Garratt, of Whitley Bay, Newcastle, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Sutcliffe, of Appletreewick, North Yorkshire.

Mr R.A. Glover and Miss L.K. Ruddock-West
The engagement is announced between Richard Anderson, eldest son of the late Mr T. Glover and Mrs P. Glover, of Hounslow, Middlesex, and Lucy Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Ruddock-West, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr R.J.W. Jones and Miss E.L. Kendrick
The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of Mr and Mrs I.J. Jones, of Newport, Shropshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Kendrick, of Ballinger, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.D.W. Milligan and Mrs J.E. Dunn
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of David Milligan and the late Ruth Milligan, and stepson of Marion Milligan, and Jane, eldest daughter of David and Ellinor Thesen, and mother of Ben and Lily.

Mr B. Seyan and Miss H. Kalsi
The engagement is announced between Balbir, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Seyan, of Sidcup, Kent, and Harvi, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Kalsi, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr J.L.S. Spiteri and Miss M.F.C. Arnold
The engagement is announced between Jon, only son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Spiteri, of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr J.J. Arnold, of Cherington, Warwickshire, and Mrs H.M.E. Lakin, of Fulham, London.

Mr D.C.J. Strickland and Miss L.R. German
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr Richard Strickland, of Brighton, and Mrs Jilly Strickland, of Ealing, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C. German, of Ealing.

Mr A.M. Sugden and Miss N.C. Winter
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H.M. Sugden, of Kenya, and Nancy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Winter, of Kenya.

Mr V. Thomas and Miss S.E. Pontin
The engagement is announced between Vaughan, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Thomas, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Mr K. Pontin and Mrs J.E. Burton, of Rotherfield, East Sussex.

Mr S.R. Vaslet and Miss J.E. Sarson
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.R. Vaslet, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Sarson, of East Hanney, Oxfordshire.

Mr T.A. Wands and Mrs S-C. Lister
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Richard and Margaret Wands, and Sally-Claire, daughter of Geoffrey and Marjorie Baron.

Mr H.J.R. Willis and Miss L.E. Talbot-Weiss
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Willis, of Baldock, Hertfordshire, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Talbot-Weiss, of Lovington, Somerset.

Memorial services

Sir Godfrey Morley
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Godfrey Morley was held yesterday in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield.

The Rev Arthur Brown officiated. Mr Alexander Morley and Mr Bryan Morley, sons, read the lessons. James Morley, son, read from Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Lord Roskill gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Morley (widow), Mr and Mrs Philip Morley (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Bryan Morley (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Forbes and Mr and Mrs Christopher Duddon (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Sarah Morley, Mr Caspar Morley, Miss Harriet Morley, Miss Amanda Forbes and Mr Hamish Forbes (grandchildren), Lady Lindsay (sister), Mrs G Ritchie, Brigadier Geoffrey Duckworth, Mr and Mrs E Duckworth, Mr and Mrs D B Ryde, Mr Andrew Ryde

Marjorie Countess of Brecknock (also representing the Edwina Mountbatten Trust), the Hon Mrs David Roberts, the Hon Julian Roskill, Sir John Welch (Wedlake Bell) and Lady Welch, Sir Richard and Lady Duckworth, Lady (Robert) Payne, Lady (John) Charles, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Sir Edward Singleton, Sir Edmund Sargent, Sir John Stebbings, Sir Hilary and Lady Scott, Sir Clement Penruddock (City Law Club).

Mr John Kennedy (senior partner, Allen and Overy) with Mr Peter Mimmiss, Mr Jonathan Horsfall-Turner, Mr William Norris, Mr John Dunclan, Mr Christopher Walford, Mr Anthony Herbert, Mr Peter Holland, Mr Richard Sykes, Mr Paul Chedgy, Mr Richard Rowland, Mr Kevin Ryan, Mr Gideon Hudson, Mr Guy Wilson, Mr Anthony Paines, Mr Roger Davies, Mr John Trembath, Mr Michael Porter, Mr Christopher Stunt, Mr Angus Hewat, Mr David Mackie, Mr Andrew Morton and former partners and staff.

Mr Derek Bradbeer (president, Law Society), Mr Robert Knight (Bowaters), Mr K G Elmslie and Mr John Hughes (Richards Butler), Mr Nat Garrett (St Phillips, Kensington), Mr H W Higginson (Herbert Smith), Mr David J Heather (Fertiliser Manufacturers' Association), Mr Hugh Peppiatt and Mr P C Peddle (Freshfields), Mr Tom Johnson-Gilbert (Clifford Chance), Mr Richard Crewdson (Waterhouse and Company), Mr Mark Sheldon (City of London Solicitors Company and Linklaters and Paines), Mr Edmund Heward (Selden Society), Mr A Isaacs (Stephenson Harwood), Mr D O Mackintosh (William Charles Crocker), Mrs F Allen, Mr Anthony Avery, Professor J A Dudgeon, Mr H O H Coulson, Mrs David Edsell, Mr P D Hipisley-Cox, Mrs E Horsfall-Turner, Mr Colin Prestage, Major and Mrs Grant Peterkin and Colonel Christopher Sinclair.

Mr H. David
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Hugh David was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Hugh Matthews officiated and read the lesson, assisted by the Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union.

Miss Shirley Cain read *We are Transmitters* by D.H. Lawrence, Mr John Franklin Robbins read *Georgics IV* by Virgil and Mr Nigel Bradshaw read *In my Craft or Sullen Art* by Dylan Thomas. Miss Patricia Routledge sang *Hiraeth* by R. Williams Parry and Dilys Elwyn Edwards and read *Death* by Charlotte Mitchell.

Mr Leonard Preston read *Abou Ben Adhem, May His Tribe Increase* by Leigh Hunt, Mr Julian Fellowes read *You, Me and P.B. Shelley* by Ogden Nash and Mr Francis Matthews read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Daniel Wolf gave an address and members of the London Emmanuel Choir, conducted by Mrs Muriel Shepherd, sang *How Lovely are Thy Dwellings.*

King's Cross fire memorial service

An ecumenical memorial service for the victims of the King's Cross fire disaster will be held on Saturday, December 5, 1987, at St Pancras Church, Euston Road, at 11.00 am. Tickets for relatives of the victims are available from the Rev Philip Dyson, St Mary's House, Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BN (Telephone: 01-387 7301).

White Knights Ball

The Order of Malta Volunteers White Knights Ball, will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W1, on Monday, January 4, 1988. Tickets are available at £30.00 each for dinner and dance, and £20.00 each for dance, from Miss Georgina Rapinet, 13 Archer House, Vicarage Crescent, London, SW11. Telephone: 01-228-4341.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anders Celsius, astronomer, inventor of the thermometer of that name, Uppsala, Sweden, 1701; John Murray, publisher, London, 1778; Chaim Weizmann, 1st president of Israel 1949-52, Motol, Russia, 1874.

DEATHS: Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor, Venice, 1570; Henry Winstanley, designer of the first Eddystone lighthouse, drowned when it collapsed, 1703; Eugene O'Neill, Boston, Massachusetts, 1953; Arthur Honegger, composer, Paris, 1955.

Teheran conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, 1943.

Appointments



Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, (above) to be chairman of an independent manpower commission for the College of Occupational Therapists. The commission will review existing and future demands upon the profession of occupational therapy in the United Kingdom.

Mr M.K.K. White to be Ambassador to Indonesia in succession to Mr A.E. Donald, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open Cunningham House, North Weald, Essex, at 9.50; the new ward block at the District General Hospital, Broomfield, at 10.40; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Chartriver, Chilton Industrial Estate, Sudbury, Suffolk, at noon. She will open the new Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Unit, the Wayland Amputee and Re-habilitation Centre, Attleborough, Norfolk, at 2.00; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Marida, Dudley Street, Luton, at 4.25.

Prince Edward, Patron of the Cambridge Youth Theatre, will visit Domino Printing Sciences, Bar Hill, Cambridge, at 11.00; attend a luncheon given by Domino at Swynford Paddock, Six Mile Bottom, at 12.25, in aid of the CYT. Later, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project '87, he will attend a dinner and debate at the Cambridge Union Society at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance of *You Never Can Tell* at the Theatre Royal, Bath, at 7.20 in aid of the Theatre Appeal Fund.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will visit St Mary's Centre, Lichfield, at 11.30; as patron, will visit Lichfield Cathedral at 1.50; and will attend a reception given by the friends of the cathedral at the Cathedral School at 2.35 to mark their fiftieth anniversary.

The Duke of Kent, colonel, will visit the 1st Battalion Scots Guards at Elizabeth Barracks, Pirbright, Surrey, at 10.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend a planning meeting of the International Social Service of Great Britain Spring Fair 1988 at Admiralty House at 11.00

Princess Michael of Kent will visit Marling School, Stroud, Gloucestershire, at 3.00.

Birthdays today

Mr John Alderton, actor, 47; Professor J.M. Ashworth, vice-chancellor, Salford University, 49; Mr Rowan Bentall, president, Bentalls, 76; Mr Rodney Bewes, actor, 50; Lord Bridges, 60; the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, 77; Sir Rex Cohen, company chairman, 81; Mr Robert Dougall, broadcaster, 74; Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 60; Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 70; Mr James Evans, former chairman, International Thomson Organization, 55; Lord Howard de Walden, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 82; Mr Walter Klien, pianist, 59; Viscount Lambert, 78; Miss Verity Lambert, film and television producer, 52; the Marquess of Lansdowne, 75; Sir David Nickson, chairman, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 58; Mrs Margaret Parry, former headmistress, Heathfield School, Ascot, 68; Mr F. Leslie Preston, architect, 84; Mr Alan Simpson, scriptwriter, 58; Mr Ernie Wise, comedian, 62.

Receptions

British Academy
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was received by Sir Randolph Quirk, President of the British Academy, at a reception held yesterday at 20 Cornwall Terrace for recent holders of the academy's research readership and post-doctoral fellowships.

Messrs Vizards
The Partners of Messrs Vizards held two receptions on November 18 and November 26, at their new offices at 42/43 Bedford Row, London, WC1, for their clients, friends and colleagues, to celebrate their move in July to these larger premises from Lincoln's Inn Fields.

English-Speaking Union
The High Commissioner for Mauritius and Mrs Nath were the guests of honour at a reception given by the English-Speaking Union last night at Dartmouth House.

Service dinners

HMS Daedalus
Rear-Admiral B.T. Brown was the guest of honour at dinner given by the Wardroom of HMS Daedalus last night to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Taranto. Commander A.J. Spruce presided.

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards
General Sir Robert Ford, Colonel of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Cavalry and Guards Club.

HAC Infantry
The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at the Grenade dinner of Infantrymen of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. Colonel Robin Hunter presided and General Sir Victor Fitzgeorge-Balfour was among the other guests.

TA&VRA for Greater London
Colonel G.S.P. Carden presided at a dinner of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

OBITUARY

LORD DUNCAN-SANDYS

Trouble-shooting Tory statesman

The Rt Hon Lord Duncan-Sandys, CH, PC, who died yesterday at the age of 79, will be remembered for the courage, tenacity and skill with which he occupied a large number of high political offices. In the eyes of a succession of Conservative Prime Ministers, Sandys's role seems to have been that of a kind of political commando, specially equipped for tasks of extreme peril. His dominant characteristics were toughness, fortitude and almost incredible industry.



The impression produced by his early political career turned out to be surprisingly inaccurate. The ebullient young man, who threw himself whole-heartedly into Churchill's campaign against the Chamberlain leadership, was considered by many to be something of a lightweight. It was a very different figure who emerged as a leading member of the war-time coalition. From then onwards, Sandys's critics might be disposed to accuse him of ruthlessness and even of lack of subtlety, but none could deny his iron nerves.

The merits of Sandys's policies will long be disputed. What permits of no doubt, however, is the quality of his statesmanship. He would start by slowly mastering the details of the problems and assessing the respective weights of the factors involved in them. He would decide whom to back and whom to sack; and, having made the decision, would put it into effect with a stolid disregard for public criticism. In negotiation, he was dynamic, and at the same time by no means deficient in charm.

Towards his subordinates, he was a stern taskmaster, frequently irritable and invariably loyal. All these qualities had their corresponding limitations: Sandys's devotion to detail often made it impossible for him to attend efficiently to more than one question at a time. Above all, his impact in negotiation was often as short-lived as it was immediately devastating.

He could sometimes quell critics by sheer determination or as often by contemptuous silence; he would also plough on with one of those speeches in which each sentence was laid down like a fresh verse of the Apocrypha. Nevertheless, he lacked the flexibility necessary to win wide favour in the House of Commons, and also to some extent the common touch indispensable to a popular leader. He never became a serious contender for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Duncan Edwin Sandys was born on January 24, 1908. The only son of Captain George Sandys, sometime MP for Wells, he was educated at Eton and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he served in the Oxford Cavalry OTC, and Air Squadron (flying was for long one of his chief interests and hobbies). Called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, he nevertheless decided in 1930 to join the Foreign Service which took him for a while to Berlin as a member of the embassy staff.

In 1933 he was transferred to the Foreign Office and represented it in the negotiations for commercial treaties with the Northern European countries, and also as a member of the British delegation to the abortive World Economic Conference. At the end of the year, he resigned his official duties in order to enter politics and in 1935 was returned as Conservative member for Norwood.

As a parliamentarian, Sandys first attracted attention by a complaint to the Speaker in 1938 that he had been summoned, in his capacity as a Territorial officer, to appear before a Military Court of Inquiry to answer for the source of certain allegedly secret information contained in a question which he proposed to put to the Secretary of State for War.

A somewhat ambivalent report by the Committee of Privileges had the effect of clearing the reputations of all concerned but left the impression on many minds that Sandys had courted martyrdom by announcing his intention to ask publicly a question he had never intended to put down.

He joined up immediately on the outbreak of war and served with the Norwegian Expeditionary Force whose disastrous failure brought the Chamberlain Government down and raised his political idol, Churchill, to the premiership.

Promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1941, he was soon after injured in a motor crash, which interrupted his military career and brought him back to Westminster. It was not long before Churchill made use of his talents by appointing him Financial Secretary to the Ministry of Supply.

His first task of major importance, however, was the chairmanship of the Cabinet Committee charged in 1943 with the defence of the British Isles against Hitler's "deadly weapons", the V1 and V2 missiles. Sandys was largely responsible for formulating the highly successful policy of anticipating attack by the sustained bombardment of the German research station at Peenemunde and the rocket bases in the Pas de Calais and elsewhere.

One incident during this period revealed much of the character which was later to become familiar: the German missile attacks were directed against London; but, through miscalculation, many of these automated weapons exploded with comparatively small effect in the Home Counties.

The military authorities favoured a calculated policy of planting false information on the enemy, designed to convince him that the metropolitan target was being successfully reached. The Cabinet, however, ordered the ending of this policy on the curious, casuistical ground that it involved usurpation of the Divine Prerogative of deciding who should and who should not be killed. Sandys is alleged to have blandly ignored the instruction, thereby saving much devastation in London and contributing to the frustration of the enemy's strategic aim.

After a brief period at the Ministry of Works in 1944-5, Sandys was one of the casualties of the Tory debacle at the post-war election. He at once threw himself vigorously into the organization of the European Movement, which was to become the most important political theme of the rest of his life. At the election of 1950, he was returned for the Streatham division of Wandsworth, for which he continued to sit until his death.

With the return of the Tories to power in 1951, he was charged with the task of piloting through the Commons the Iron and Steel Bill, denationalizing the Iron and Steel Industry but imposing on it a rigorous measure of public control.

The task of answering bitter Socialist criticisms with equanimity and persistence was by common consent well executed by Sandys as Minister of Supply. Similar tenacity was called for in his next appointment as Minister of Housing and Local Government from 1954 to 1957. The policy of piecemeal abolition of rent restriction was bound to cause considerable immediate hardship, which it was not hard for the Opposition to exploit, and it was not easy for Sandys to expound the Government's view that only thus could an adequate supply of property for renting be eventually created. He did so with dogged clarity.

It was as Minister of Defence, in 1957, however, that the most momentous of his political duties fell to him. Under a long succession of predecessors in that Ministry, the impression had been given that the more crucial problems of defence policy were being evaded through the Government's unwillingness to come to grips with the appalling dilemmas they presented. It was left to Sandys to formulate and begin to carry out a root-and-branch reform.

The essence of that reform was the principle that Britain's safety depended on the deterrent effect of the nuclear bomb. It was equally recognized that there was no effective defence against a nuclear attack on Britain, and that the object of defence policy was the advoidance rather than the winning of major wars.

An essential part of this policy was a dramatic reduction in conventional armaments and the eventual abolition of conscription. This was accompanied by a thoroughgoing reconstruction of the Forces, to be put into effect with scant regard for Service prejudice and tradition and designed to equip the country with a small, efficient, well-paid and highly mobile army.

Sandys's policy of almost total dependence on the nuclear deterrent was bitterly attacked by the Labour Party and was later in some measure modified, but fundamentally it has remained the policy of Government.

From October 1959 to July 1960, Sandys, as Minister of Civil Aviation, was charged with helping the aircraft industry to overcome some of the consequences of the heavy reduction in the demand for military aircraft involved in this new defence policy.

In 1960 he became Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, a post to which he added that of Colonial Secretary in 1962. His new career began with what has since come to be regarded as a narrow but tragic failure. He succeeded, by his usual technique of high-powered advocacy, in persuading both Sir Edgar Whitehead and Mr Nkomo to accept an arrangement by which there would be 15 African representatives in the Parliament of Southern Rhodesia.

Nkomo was forced by his followers to repudiate the agreement, and many felt that, had Sandys been less bent on an instant diplomatic triumph, a multi-racial parliament would have been achieved.

Understandably, Sandys was at this time regarded as a man of the Right; but his handling of colonial affairs showed him to be a thoroughgoing empiricist. Far from retarding, he if anything accelerated the process of emancipation, not from radical idealism but from deliberate conviction of its inevitablity. There were several notable instances of success and one or two outstanding failures.

In 1963, he displayed his immense physical courage by driving unprotected through the streets of Accra at the side of President Nkrumah, recently the target of an attempted assassination. The object of the mission, undertaken at a time when Sandys was in acute pain from his old injury, was to demonstrate that it was safe for the Queen to visit Ghana.

After the 1964 election, Sandys was never to hold office again. He seemed at times to be restive as though he was conscious of energies which were not being exercised. He did a great deal of work for the causes which interested him, particularly for the Civic Trust and for Europe. As a politician he had been interested in the problems of conservation and the environment long before they became fashionable, and he was known and respected throughout Europe.

He also painted a good deal in these years, producing vigorous abstract works which reflected his own temperament.

There was, however, a shadow over his last years. In 1972, at the age of 64, he embarked on a controversial new career as chairman of Lonrho, the conglomerate built up by the entrepreneur Mr Tiny Rowland. In 1973 a public boardroom split over Rowland's style of management led to a lurid court case.

A £130,000 payment to Sandys to give up a consultancy to become chairman — and the payment of some of his remuneration in overseas tax havens — figured prominently in the dispute. In the later Department of Trade report, he was peripherally criticised for being "less than frank with boardroom colleagues" over these matters.

Sandys waived the payment; and he remained loyal to the company until his retirement in 1984.

He married, in 1935, Diana Bailey, daughter of Sir Winston Churchill. There were one son and two daughters of the marriage, which was dissolved in 1960. Three years later, Diana, committed suicide. Sandys found great happiness in his second marriage, to Marie-Claire Schmitt, daughter of Adrien Schmitt and former Viscountess Hudson. They had one daughter.

MR HAROLD WASHINGTON

Mr Harold Washington, who died suddenly on November 25, at the age of 65, was, since 1983, Democratic Mayor of Chicago, and the first black to hold the post.

His election campaign was plagued from the outset by racialist feuding in a city which Martin Luther King called the most segregated in the north. Voting took place on predictably racialist lines and a record number of blacks turned out to vote, while the white vote was split.

Just a fortnight after his election, government in the city was brought to a standstill by a bitter power struggle between the mayor and a group of influential white aldermen. He was a patient man, which was, perhaps, just as well, because his tenure was rarely smooth. He was, nevertheless, elected to a second term earlier this year.

Much of his career was spent working for the city's almost feudal system of city management which reached its zenith under the legendary Mayor Daley.

Washington was elected on the promise of restoring integrity to city government; the creation of thousands of new jobs; the re-organization of the police department; and the improvement of health care.

At the time of his death, however, he was still struggling with many of these problems, not least of which was the city's perilous finances.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
Jeremiah 18 : 8

BIRTHS

BAILEY - On November 25th, at Stepping Hill Hospital, Cheshire to Karen (née Payne) and Trevor, a son Joshua Tristan.

BOUSTANY - On November 4th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Walid and Veronica (née Montiel), a son, Faiz Ricardo.

FALKNER - On November 21st, to Sarah-Jane (née Entwistle) and Keith, a daughter, Sophie Jane, a sister for Kirsten.

FAWCETT - On November 19th, to Liliane (née de Pierredon) and Christopher, a daughter, Camilla Adeline Marie.

GRAY - On November 14th, at Windsor to Rosalind (née Evitts) and Geoff, a son, George Thomas Frederick.

HOUGHTON - On November 25th, at Torbay Hospital, to Shirley (née Dickson) and Andrew, a son, James Nicholas Ian.

JOHNSON - On November 21st 1987, at The Horton Maternity Hospital, Banbury, to Nell & Helen (née Bailey) a daughter, Bryony Clare.

JONES - On November 23rd 1987, to Margie (née Edwards) and Stephen, a daughter, Ellen Claire, a gift from God.

LAU - On Wednesday 25th November 1987, in Houston, Texas to Kathy Hubertus, a son Maximilian.

LEONARD - On November 21st, at St Thomas's Hospital to Katherine (née Harrop-Griffiths) and Robert, twins Anne Frances Clare and Hugh Alexander Charles, a sister and brother for Kate.

PELHAM - On November 24th 1987, to Georgina (née Gilmour) and Richard, a son.

PRAGNELL - On November 20th, to Susan and Michael, a son, Edmund George Francis, a brother for William.

PRATT - On November 17th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital to Barbara (née Lock) and John, a daughter, Camilla Sophie Hamilton, a sister for Lucinda and Christopher.

SILVER - On November 23rd, at The Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, W2, to Avril and David, a daughter, Sophie Georgina, a sister for Natasha.

WELLS - On October 27th 1987, at Aliku Hospital, Tokyo, to Susie and John, a daughter, Claire Hana Jane.

WESTON - On November 12th, to Sarah (née Rogers) and Robert, a daughter, Camilla Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Lucy.

ZETTER - On November 26th, in Santa Barbara, California to Joni (née Dahlstrom) and Adam, a daughter. (Alex Oriana).

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BENNETT-CRANE - On November 28th 1947 in London, Reginald Bennett and Henrietta Crane.

DEATHS

BAXTER - On October 28th, after a full and satisfying life. Constance Florence (née Toms), aged 90. Her family, her friends and her pupils at Belmont, Down Lane and The High School will remember her with pleasure.

CRISPIN - On November 23rd 1987, at Parkside Hospital, Wimbledon, Marjorie Vacta, aged 83 years, beloved wife of Stewart Johnson Crispin. Requiem Mass will be said at St. Winifreds Church, Layborn Park, Kew, on Tuesday December 1st, at 12.30 pm. Flowers please to T.H. Sanders, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London, SW14.

CROTON - On Saturday 21st, November 1987, at Arith Castle, Sterlingshire, Scotland, suddenly Geoffrey Walter Croton, husband of Maureen Josephine (Jo), father of Alexander, Victoria, and Jeremy. Family funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Gosbeck, Ipswich on Tuesday 1st December 1987 at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH

DUNN - On November 26th, John Hedley 'Dickie' (Major retired). Aged 77. Beloved husband of Doris and father of David. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday December 3rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Injured Jockeys' Fund, Po Box 9, Newmarket, Suffolk.

EVERITT - On November 6th, tragically in an aircraft crash in Mozambique, Charlie. Beloved husband of Lyn and devoted and adored father of Charles, Carol and Richard. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held at St John's Church, Stansted Mountfitchet at 2pm on Saturday December 5th. A tree is to be planted in Hatfield Forest in his memory.

FOLJAMBE - On November 5th 1987, peacefully, at Warmingford, in his 95th year Capt. Robert Francis Thornhagh Foljambe MCRA. The funeral was at St. Andrew's Church.

GARDINER - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at his home, after a long illness, Major Robert Oswald Guy Gardiner M.C. of Hainaker Park, Chichester, West Sussex. Dearly loved and respected by all his family. Private funeral for family only, on Tuesday 1st December at 12.30 at Chichester Crematorium.

GARDINER - On November 26th, 1987, peacefully Richard, will be remembered lovingly by everyone who knew him and particularly by his wife Alison, son Roland and father Raymond. Service on Monday 30th November, 1987 at St. Mary Abbotts Church, Kensington, London W8 at 12.30pm.

GOODING - On November 24th 1987, suddenly, but peacefully, at home, E. Graham B. Gooding M.A., F.L.S., F.I. Biol., F.I.F.S.T. Aged 72 years of Bronham, Bedford. Dearly loved husband of Hilda, and loving father of Roger and Brian. Ashes to be interred in Barbados. Enquiries to Clarabut & Plumbe, 11 Kingsway, Bedford. Tel 0234 54647.

GREEN - On November 24th 1987, Michael Pemberton, peacefully at his home, Woodbarry Hill Farm, Great Witley, in his 80th year. Darling husband of Jan. Service will be held at Great Witley parish church, on Saturday November 28th at 11am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to a charity of ones choice.

HOPTON - On November 22nd 1987, James Russell, peacefully in St Barnabas Hospice, will be greatly missed by his wife Gilly, children Amanda and Miles and his dog Harry. Service at Thakeham Parish Church today, Friday November 27th at 3pm. No flowers, but donations, if desired to: St Barnabas Hospice, Columbia Drive, Worthing, Sussex.

JONES - On November 25th 1987, suddenly and unexpectedly, David Pennant Graham Jones, aged 52 years. Dearly loved husband of Cecilia and devoted father of Marco and Pamela. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday November 30th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to Save The Children Fund.

LITTLEWOOD - On November 24th 1987, peacefully at South Newton Nursing Home, Mary Florence (Biddy) of West Lodge, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts, aged 86 for many years on the Art Staff at the Godolphin School. Funeral Service at Wilton Church at 3.00pm on Tuesday, December 1st followed by cremation at Salisbury. No flowers please.

MAKIN - On Monday November 23rd 1987, suddenly aged 71 years, Raymond of Newcastle, Staffs. Enquiries to Salt & Son. 0782 617073.

MULKERRINS - On November 9th, in Watford General Hospital, Patrick, father of 10, grandfather of 24 and friend to many. Will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends. Funeral took place in Mynish, County Galway, Eire on November 16th.

QUARTLEY - On November 24th, Patricia (née Conway) after a long illness.

REDMAYNE - On November 23rd, 1987, at home, Brenda Joy, aged 55, dearly loved wife of Michael mother of Jonathan, George, Thomas and Emma, and daughter of Winifred Mason. Funeral Service at Felsted Parish Church Monday, November 30th at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations maybe sent in aid of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, to Geo. C. Emery & Sons, Funeral Directors of Brook House, Stebbing, Dunmow, Essex.

SPENCER - On November 18th 1987, Colonel Egerton Charles (Tony) Spencer, M.C., late 17th Q.V.O. Poona Horse and 11th Sikh Regiment, beloved husband of the late Kathleen and father of Veronica and Joan.

SURRIDGE - On November 23rd, at home in his 92nd year, Revell Radclyffe, beloved husband of Sue and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Thursday, December 3rd at 12.30pm at Guildford Crematorium. Enquiries G. M. Luff. Telephone Haslemere 3524.

WAGSTAFF - On November 25th 1987 peacefully in a nursing home at Goring, Elizabeth Wyndham (Bunty) Wagstaff. Formerly of Linden Avenue, Chesterfield. The funeral Service at St Thomas' Of Canterbury Church, Goring on Wednesday, December 2nd 1987 at 2.00 pm.

WINN - On November 24th, peacefully in hospital, Lilian Winn, aged 92 years. Widow of Captain W.H.W. Winn, R.N. ret'd. Much loved mother of Michael, Cynthia and Peter. Funeral Wednesday December 2nd at Kingston Crematorium 11.30am. All floral tributes and enquiries please Fredk W. Paine, 28-30 Central Road, Worcester Park. Tel: 01 337 1062.

WOOD - On November 25th 1987, suddenly, Dennis Victor, of Godalming. Husband of Sylvia and father of Gillian and Mary. Funeral service at St John's Church, Busbridge on Tuesday December 1st at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to: The Vale of Clwyd Mind Association, c/o J. Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, 65 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Tel: 04868 6403.

YRAP - On November 17th, in Sussex after a short illness, Leslie Neville, MRCS, LRCP, of Hounslow, Middlesex. Husband of Elizabeth, father of Laetitia and Frederick and grandfather of Ajax. Funeral service to take place at Hanworth Crematorium at 1.15pm on Monday November 30th. All flowers to Lodge Bros. Funeral Directors, High Street, Feltham, Middlesex.

Science report

Balloons in study of new supernova

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists hoping to peer deeper than ever before into the core of an exploding star have begun launching an armada of instruments on aircraft, balloons and rockets over Australia and New Zealand.

Their target is a giant blue star in the Large Magellanic Cloud some 170,000 light-years from Earth, which flared into brilliance over the Southern Hemisphere on February 23.

Given the name Supernova 1987A, the stellar explosion is much closer to Earth than any in the past four centuries, offering astronomers a unique opportunity to study a supernova in the earlier stages evolution.

Visible light from the explosion increased for the first several months and then slowly declined as the explosion spent itself. But scientists are especially interested in the invisible radiation, particularly X-rays, which have only recently began to reach Earth.

Some astronomers believe that X-rays and gamma rays from the supernova may be observable only for a brief period, but that this radiation holds the clue to important questions about the supernova process. They also hope their analyses can explain an enigmatic "companion" that appeared near the supernova and then faded away.

Since the Earth's atmosphere blocks most of the gamma rays and X-rays, observations must be made in the upper levels of the stratosphere. Similarly, infrared radiation, also important in the current study, is blocked by water vapour in the air, and therefore is also best observed at high altitude.

The observations, which have started with a series of balloon launchings from Alice Springs, Australia, is sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Nasa, with the cooperation of the Australian and New Zealand governments and the participation of about a dozen scientific institutions.

At least four scientific payloads will be launched by huge helium-filled balloons, ascending as high as 128,000 feet. The first of these, a combined gamma-ray and X-ray instrument built by Nasa and Lockheed's Research Centre at Palo Alto, was successfully launched earlier this month and stayed aloft for nearly two days.

Sub-orbital observation flights by Black Brant two-stage sounding rockets, were also launched this month.

According to Dr John A. Nousek, of Pennsylvania State University, the rocket carried an X-ray telescope to an altitude of 180 miles. About two minutes after launching, the telescope began hunting for the supernova. The instrument package then had 225 seconds to track the supernova, expose eight X-ray photographs, move to the remnant of a much older supernova and make comparison photographs. The instrument package returned by parachute.

The first indications of X-ray emission from the supernova were detected recently by the Japanese X-ray satellite Ginga and by West German and British instruments aboard the Soviet space station, Mir.

Dr Nousek said: " Our instrument provides much finer resolution than others can achieve and we hope to begin detecting soft X-rays from the supernova". Soft X-rays are X-rays of relatively low frequency that theorists regard as important for deciphering events within a supernova. Since X-rays are presumed to penetrate the outer layers of the supernova from greater depths than other forms of radiation, the information carried by their spectrums reveals the types of matter in the core.

Supernovas are believed to create all the heavier elements found in the universe, including those essential to life. The explosion of a massive star triggers a series of fusion processes that build up the nuclei of heavy atoms from lighter ones. Astrophysicists believe that analysis of the X-rays coming from the supernova will help to demonstrate the exact sequence this process follows.

In another series, Nasa's Kuiper Airborne Observatory, a converted C-141 cargo plane, will operate from Christchurch, New Zealand, flying an infrared spectrometer to an altitude of 42,000 feet.

Infrared and X-ray observations of the supernova may help clear up the mystery of the companion detected by an ultrasensitive optical technique called speckle interferometer. According to Dr Nousek, the companion could turn out to be an optical echo coming from a ring or clumps of gas surrounding the explosion, rather than a single luminous object.

Church news

The Rev. Jonathan Tinker, Rector, All Saints, Stretford, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar, St. George, Stalybridge, same diocese.

The Rev. Brian Toll, Priest-in-Charge Canet St. Mary with Little Wenham, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be also Priest-in-Charge Great Wenham, same diocese.

Canon Arthur Twyford, Vicar, Desborough, and Rector, Brampton Ash with Dingley and Braybrooke, Arch with Dingley and Braybrooke, diocese of Peterborough, to be Rector, Stanwick with Hargrave, same diocese.

The Rev. Martin Wallace, Vicar, Forest Gate, St Mary, and Forest Gate, Emmanuel with Upton Cross, St Peter, diocese of Chelmsford, to be reappointed Area Dean of Newham, same diocese, for a further term.

The Rev. Brian Wester, non-Stipendiary Curate, Kelsey, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Rector, Bath and Wells, to be Rector, Nettlebed with Bix, Highmoor and Pishill, diocese of Oxford.

Church in Wales

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OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Robert Hubert Griffiths, Chaplain of Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Vicar of Llanfair Dyffryn and Llanelidan, Chaplain Derwen and Llanrhaeadr, to be Priest Vicar of the grouped Parishes of St Asaph: Tremeirchion and Cwm.

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The Rev. Emyr Wyn Rowlands, Vicar of Betws-yn-Rhos with Llanddewi and Gwrych with Llanddulas and Capel Garmon, Anglesey, Aberwyn with Caerhun, Anglesey, to be Rector of Machynlleth with Llanwrin.

University news

Oxford

Elizabeth L. Eisenstein, Alice Freeman Palmer professor of history at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has been appointed to the James P R Lyell Readership in Bibliography 1989-90.

Awards

CEGB Prize in Mathematics Modelling and Numerical Analysis: S K Wilson, BA, St Peter's College; Ireland and First Craven Scholarship: Jonathan H C Williams, University College; Sec. and Craven Scholarship: J M Roxburgh, Corpus Christi College; Third Craven Scholarships: S C Colvin, St John's College; M P Pebley, Wadham College; Winter Williams Law Prize: First Prize: P S Tarbous, Magdalen College; Second Prize (jointly): Lucy P Suff, Somerville College and Rebecca Priestley, Exeter College; Bristol-Myers Prize in Cardiology: A J Larner, Christ Church; Rolleston Memorial Prize (jointly): A M Gillett-Cooper, St John's College and S S Tan, Balliol College; Canon Hall Greek Testament Prize and Hall-Houghton Septuagint Prize: Canon Hall Senior Prize: R P L Conrad, Blackfriars; Hall-Houghton Junior Prize: D G K Taylor, St Anne's College.

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To Exhibitions

S N Batchelor (Chemistry); Miss A L Burrows (Chemistry); Miss E J Clark (Mathematics); A Cox (Physics); S J Male (History and Economics); B J Prynn (PPE).

St Andrews

Dr Colin Martin, Director of the Scottish Institute of Maritime Studies at St Andrews University and an international authority on underwater archaeology, has been awarded the Keith Muckelroy prize for marine archaeology. The presentation was made in London by Dr Basil Greenhill, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites.

Glasgow

The university has appointed David Kenneth Smythe to the newly established Britoil chair of geophysics, from January 1, 1988. Mr Smythe is Principal Scientific Officer with the British Geological Survey.

York

The university has appointed Alastair Minnis as professor of medieval literature in the department of English and related literature, and as Co-Director of its Centre for Medieval Studies.

He takes over from Professor Derek Pearsall who has left the university to take up an appointment at Harvard University in America.

Professor Minnis, aged 39, came to York last year as a visiting reader in the department of English, having previously spent five years at Bristol University.

Open

Dr Bob Moon, head teacher at Peers School, Oxford, has been appointed professor of education (teaching studies), the first comprehensive head teacher to be appointed to an established chair in education in the UK.

Dr Paul Light, senior lecturer in physchology at Southampton University, is appointed professor of education (human development and learning).

Dr Peter Woods, reader in education at the Open University, has been appointed to a personal chair in education.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LONDON Committee for Walsingham has arranged for a Requiem Mass to be offered for ENID CHADWICK at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road, London SW7 on December 7th at 7 pm. An address will be given by the Earl of Lauderdale.

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A memorial Service will be held in Bristol Cathedral, College Green, Bristol, on Monday, 30th November 1987, at 2.30 pm for DAVID PURSALL and JOHN PETERSON.

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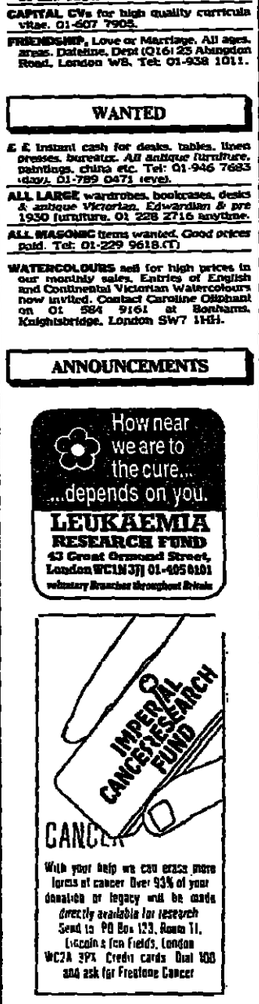
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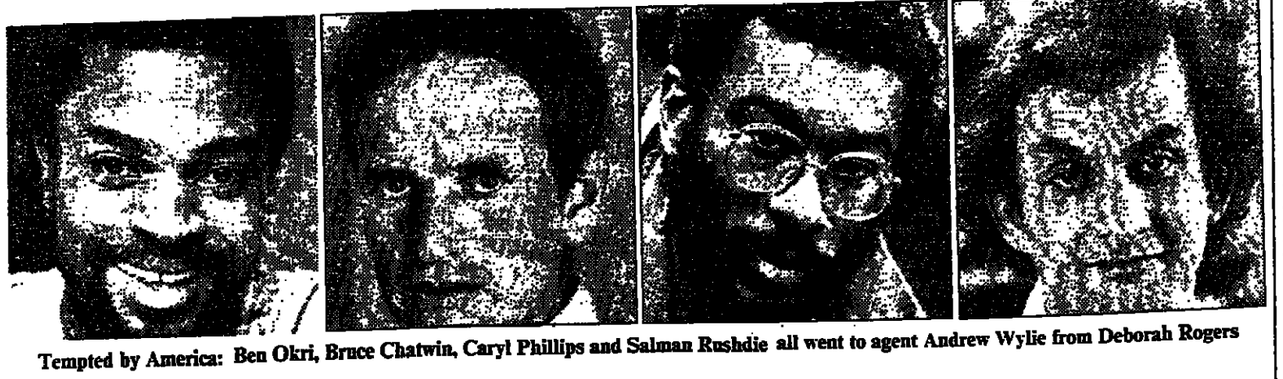
The right stuff, according to this documentary, was less the crazy courage identified by Tom Wolfe than the pilot's ability to crash the biology barrier. Fighter planes are so technically sophisticated that today the pilot who survives is one who can read 75 dials in 30 seconds and withstand the crushing centrifugal force, or G's.

Too many G's and the blood supply to the brain ceases, producing what was described in the laconic jargon of the US Air Force as "a period of absolute incapacitation." The most frightening film used in this documentary was the black and white record of a training flight in which the student pilot had blacked out temporarily, sending his aircraft and his instructor hurtling down.

Despite the emphasis on technology, the programme was drawn to the gladitorial glamour of individual aerial combat. There was a brief history of fighter planes, from the Red Baron's Triplane, through the Spitfires, Meteors, Phantoms and Mirages to today's MiGs and F-16's. Pilots spoke eloquently of the thrill of the dog fight. "Every emotion you have ever felt in your life — love, hate, fear, anger — magnified a thousand times."

Celia Brayfield

After losing Salman Rushdie, literary agents consider how to beat off aggressive US challenges



Tempted by America: Ben Okri, Bruce Chatwin, Caryl Phillips and Salman Rushdie all went to agent Andrew Wylie from Deborah Rogers

How the big bucks won the big books

Once upon a time, in the imaginatively fertile groves of literary London, there was an agent who understood the lonely struggles of authors. The agent's name was Deborah Rogers, and she perceived her role as the careful cultivation of sensitive plants. For this, her authors loved her, and some of the highest talents in the land bloomed under her care: Ian McEwan, Angela Carter, Bruce Chatwin and Salman Rushdie, to name a few. Her reputation as an inspiring agent increased, she was friends with her authors, and she busily prospered serving the Cause of Literature.

Then one day last January, a "tornado of a man" (in the words of a colleague) appeared on the horizon in the form of a tough-talking New York agent. He saw this garden of talent and could not resist the impulse to enter it.

Andrew Wylie was an agent with an admiration for the novels of Salman Rushdie that soon reached the point of obsession. Wylie, a former amphetamine addict who beat the habit 10 years ago, could not pass a book store without buying yet another copy of Rushdie. Such intensity could not be contained, and on a visit to London, Wylie, 40, met Rushdie for a drink.

Wylie, the American partner in the London-based literary agency, Aitken & Stone, thence secured the right to represent Rushdie in America. This coup, supplemented by additional phone calls and meetings, led in September to the defection of Rushdie for world-wide representation from Deborah Rogers to Wylie.

Rushdie was followed, independently, by Bruce Chatwin, Caryl Phillips, Joseph Hone and the young writer Ben Okri. Rumours began to swirl that aggressive tactics previously unknown in London were being used to procure clients from a distinguished agent. The long tradition of trust between agents and authors — most authors will change agents no more than once during their careers — is being worriedly examined. The question persistently haunting British agents is: "Who might be next?"

But did Andrew Wylie do anything wrong? Deborah Rogers, speaking in her book-lined Notting Hill office, said there has long been an unwritten rule among London agents that they do not recruit clients from each other.

The first clause in the Code of Practice of the Association of Authors' Agents, states in part that "No member shall knowingly represent an author who is the client of another agency, whether or not that agency is a member of the association". As Wylie is not a member of the British association, he has not violated any rule; whether or not the above clause would be considered applicable is irrelevant.

'Everybody was quite shaken'

His partner, Gillon Aitken, the quintessential gentleman literary agent who belongs to the British association, has remained discreetly in the background. "I don't believe Andrew Wylie has done anything unethical, nor have I. Nothing I have done has not been done to me within the last three months," he said.

But Deborah Rogers is undisguised in her grief over the loss of Rushdie: "I partly should be flattered because my list offered the plums that they wanted. But everyone has been quite shaken by what happened — not just me. It's shaken everyone's complacency and that's no bad thing. I think authors will be better served by their agents as a result."

Rogers sees the current defections as symptomatic of the understandable but probably regrettable love of money that has now permeated even the most rarefied publishing circles, threatening real literature as authors struggle to make sure they achieve the ever higher advances they see their colleagues getting.

"I can't tell you what Wylie offered Rushdie because it kept changing," she said. "My values have always been that the right publisher for the right book is always going to produce the best result. I never feel I've done a wonderful deal if I get a massive advance and it's largely unearned."

But the Wylie incident is further evidence that — literary ideals and a close-knit social life aside — an agent must never forget that his or her reason for being is as Keeper of the Balance Sheet. Says Rogers: "We paddle along in our own little worlds. Agents, publishers, authors, we go along and have dinner together and our babies play together. But at the end of the day it is your livelihood, and you don't terribly want that to be something bandied about the beach between daiquiris.

'Authors will be better served'

And for your agent, you don't necessarily want someone who has nice manners."

Wylie denies that the promise of money was the reason for the defection: a British or American contract for Rushdie's new novel, set mostly in Britain, *The Satanic Verses*, has yet to be signed. Rather, it was the appreciation Wylie showed for Salman Rushdie's work.

On the telephone from New York, Wylie said: "I was not born and raised in Las Vegas. I am not a gangster. Writers are not tranquilized cows who are susceptible to the approaches of a literary Roy Rogers. They are mature individuals who make their own decisions."

Rushdie merely said: "I could comment but I won't." And he went back to the fructification of his talent watched over by his new high-rise literary horticulturist on 57th Street.

Kathy Stephen

CONCERTS

Brave new work

RLPO/Cleobury
Liverpool

The Royal Liverpool Harmonic Society has always shown special commitment and courage in the presentation of new works. Their success in doing so was clear from the auditorium, almost full for a concert including a half-hour new work by a virtually unknown composer, Glyn Perrin. It is true that the concert also included Schubert's *Rosamunde* overture and Bruch's First Violin Concerto in an intense performance by Nigel Kennedy, who always draws a good house. It is also true that the reaction to the new work, Perrin's first orchestral piece, was resoundingly negative.

But perform it they did in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties. An earlier performance two years ago had to be abandoned because the work was too complex. With a much more generous allocation of rehearsal time, Nicholas Cleobury heroically led the orchestra through Perrin's *Tu, Même*.

The work is based on Marcel Duchamp's most complex and evocative painting, the "Large Glass" or "The Bride Stripped Bare By Her Bachelors, Even".

Perrin succeeds in his ability to generate a sense of speed in his orchestral writing and therefore also in the contrasts between movement and stillness. More problematic is his control of orchestral textures, where he shows himself distressingly self-indulgent.

David Fallows

Philharmonia
Festival Hall

First there was Bizet *L'Arlésienne* suite no 1, and one does wonder why. Wonderfully invented music though it is, and superbly though it was played (there were excellent contributions from the woodwind), there was no avoiding the feeling that it was just a lightweight curtain raiser.

Fortunately, there was something to raise the curtain for: Rachmaninov's First Piano Concerto, with the brilliant Soviet pianist Mikhail Pletnev as soloist.

He gave a refreshing account of the piece, clear-sighted and strong, though never inflexible in the outer movements.

The quality of his sound is ideal for Rachmaninov, clean and incisive without ever threatening to become overhard.

Libor Pesek, recently appointed principal conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, took the Philharmonia through their paces with a confident touch and a clear affection for the music.

He was understandably still more at home in the Seventh Symphony of Dvorák, in whose lightness and darkness, moreover, this orchestra showed that it can play with a real Germanic luxuriance.

Stephen Pettitt

The Knicht of the Riddils
Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh

The cautious optimism which currently prevails in the theatres of Scotland is founded upon a perceived diversity. There is an overall goal of providing something which affirms the lives of its growing audience but enough confidence to assay many methods of reaching it.

Charles Nowosielski, a braw Scot despite his name, is the man behind one of those methods. As director of the touring company Theatre Alba and of the modest Brunton Theatre, where he has worked minor miracles since taking over last year, he believes in the auld Scots language and the telling of tall tales from long ago; but mostly, to his great credit, he believes in doing new plays.

The Knicht of the Riddils is a new play by David Purves, who scored a conspicuous success with *The Puddock and the Princess* a couple of years back. It's based on a very old tale indeed, thought to be from Bavaria, about a man who will give away something valuable if his adversary can ask him a question he cannot answer. In this case the gift is the Knicht's beautiful daughter and his adversary is Prince Cormac, son of the King of Scots.

The riddle with which Cormac wins the game encapsulates the first half of the play which tells the adventures of Cormac and his brother after they have run away from his wicked stepmother.

THEATRE

Prince and the panto

As you might expect it all ends happily. For really this is not much more than a type of medieval panto without the audience participation. The King and Queen in ridiculous horned headdresses sit on thrones where their feet don't quite reach the floor, there's a lot of business with a chanty (Eng. chamberpot) a splendid hobby-horse and some suitably coarse acting, especially from the excellent Anne Lacey as the Queen.

It's all diverting enough and it has some very funny moments, but both play and production lack the spark of inspiration which made the *Puddock*, which had many of the same performers, such a success.

While it's true that Scots actors do this kind of two-dimension cartoon play with consummate ease, one is left feeling grateful that this is not the only thing in these diverse times that they are called upon to do.

Robert Dawson Scott

A jolly wait in the wilderness

Waiting for Godot
Lyttelton, NT

However bleak in other respects, *Godot* is unique among Beckett's plays in its positive emphasis on human companionship.

In Michael Rudman's production, it is not only the terror of the void that keeps the two tramps together but also the fact that they form an indissoluble match: one despairing partner cheered up by the compulsive optimist.

Among other things, this intensifies the play's games and vaudeville routines. The exchange of insults is conducted as a formal duel, with the antagonists pacing out the ground and turning to fire.

Also, William Dudley's set includes an upstage hillock, serving both as a lookout point and an adventure playground prop for the characters to dance up and roll down. Altogether, this is the jolliest *Godot* I have seen since Beckett's own Schiller Theatre version in the mid-seventies.

Vladimir is played by Alec McCowen, and Estragon by John Alderton — a comic specialist here opening himself to his emotional depths. His performance is often extremely funny, but the laughs derive straight from the raw experience of hunger and misery.



Two's company: John Alderton (left) as Estragon and Alec McCowen as Vladimir

It is always Vladimir who gets the entertainments going; and where Alderton raises laughs with moans and tantrums, McCowen instigates deliberate comic business which rarely strike the funny bone.

McCowen presents a chirpy and graceful figure, affecting a bouncy footlose walk periodically accelerating into an unseemly dash when he is carried off stage by a prostate emergency. The drawback is that, unlike his partner, he conveys very little sense of the agony of the eternal wait.

The production uses Beckett's recently revised text, which departs most conspicuously from the standard version in the Pozzo scenes, in which Colin Welland pushes every aspect of the character to the limit: the tyrant, the guzzling bon vivant, and the owner who breaks down like a child at the loss of his smallest possessions.

Irving Wardle

The talent and the torment of Houdini

Houdini
Orange Tree
Richmond

This arresting and insightful impression of the great self-liberator is the third of this season's one-man shows to be written by the performer. John Sessions is still doing his spirited life of Bony at the Albery; while a few weeks back, in a warehouse south of Tower Bridge, an account of the sufferings of a gay Victorian painter of large-eyed angels acquainted us with the name of Neil Bartlett.

One might try to argue that a performance in a self-written role must bring a total commitment, but this is risky reasoning, even though it appears borne out in Barry Killerby's full blooded, marvellously physical performance of his tormented hero. First seen behind a semi-transparent cloth, wriggling himself out of a strait-jacket, Killerby's Houdini is soon twisting, buckling and doubling up in his dressing room as he fights off unseen demons.

Stricken by the early death of his mother, the motivation for his extraordinary escaping acts is sometimes presented as the attempt to transcend physical restrictions altogether and emerge upon some higher plane where Mama waits to welcome him. Later in the story his death-defying escapes from coffins, tanks of water and whatever, seemed designed to show what mortal flesh can do unaided by spiritual flapdoodle. The threads between these two impulses are not clearly drawn although the man's crusading rage against fraudulent spiritualists is clearly inspired by his own disappointments in the search for motherly love.

Killerby's rubbery features seem capable of eliminating his nose altogether during his more extreme movements of facial agitation. Schoolboy smiles vanish beneath guilt self-questioning or garish MC enticements as he mimes vanishing tricks, seance tricks and a repeat of the strait-jacket escape that has him jack-knifing, crimson in the face at our feet.

It is a high-octane performance but the energy is harnessed to let the pain show through. The comedy also: Houdini's ridiculous clumsiness on the dance floor gives the character an endearing sweetness.

Jeremy Kingston

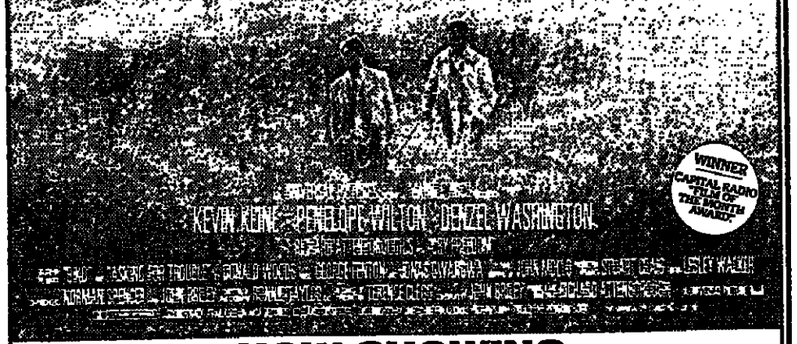
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Modern nurses tend to be human

During a stay a few years ago at the Wellington Hospital, my husband gave one of his nurses tickets for *Starlight Express*. "I haven't seen it yet," I murmured. "She hasn't seen a West End play for four years," he said. That nurse was in her forties, had nursed all her life and her salary was insufficient to maintain her own London flat. In light of the problems this week in Birmingham, where a lack of intensive care unit nurses caused delays in important heart operations, the spotlight is turning on the nursing profession.

Today, a student nurse starts at a salary of £4,540 and reaches £5,170 by her third year. Staff nurses get £7,300 and a Sister starts at £9,000. London weighting is about £933. There are no increments, except for a small "lead" payment for psychiatric or geriatric nursing. No wonder women are not flocking to place a cool hand on fevered brows before sticking in the intravenous and picking up the bedpan.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) estimates a net loss of about 10,000 jobs a year and a drop out rate of nearly 33 per cent among student nurses. Today's school leaver, with the same qualifications required for nursing, can go into a variety of jobs, almost all offering better pay and prospects. "My daughter has just finished three years' training as a nurse," says Kit Kidner, a former theatre nurse, "and her salary is nearly half that of her sister in the police force."

There are "lifestyle" disadvantages. "The hours are one of the reasons I left," says Sue Jones, 31, now working in a nursing agency. "There's a rota of night duty and you do miss out. I wanted to know that every evening I could be free."

This thought was echoed by one London doctor. "People's sex lives have changed," he says. "In the Forties and Fifties, nurses lived in residences, were not in it for the money; there was an *esprit de corps* and a jolly social life within the hospital community that filled in time before marriage. Now a 22-year-old woman has a boyfriend and wants to spend nights with him, but even the shabbiest flat costs money."

There are straightforward solutions to the nursing shortage. The Government has already increased wages and Mrs Thatcher has indicated support for proposals expected from the Nurses Pay Review Body, which will recommend pay increments to reward skill and experience. Highly skilled nurses in demanding jobs like intensive care would receive premium salaries. Market forces are working predictably as the declining allure of nursing and the increased need for practitioners creates competitive wages.



BARBARA AMIEL

But there are other forces at work that may be less productive. These new forces sound persuasive. "We want nurses treated as equals on the team," says Julia Cumberlege, chairman of the National Association of Health Authorities and author of the influential 1986 report on community nursing. Using competent nurses as widely as possible in community work is a sensible suggestion. But a strong movement has developed among nursing educators and professional bodies like the RCN to jettison nurses into a twilight zone in which they become quasi-doctors. Cumberlege is happy that Wednesday's White Paper has given some thought to nurses prescribing medication. She sees difficulties, however, for hospital nurses because doctors "don't consider them equals".

One highly placed female administrator was quite firm about the problem: "Some consultants insist on certain procedures being carried out when nurses believe there is a better way," she said. "The classic is the sheepskins used to prevent bedsores. Some consultants prefer foam rubber and you find nurses changing the procedure before the doctor comes around." But, I asked, shouldn't the consultant decide? No, came the answer. There should be one agreed policy. I shuddered at the possible scenarios, should an inventive doctor discover a new treatment and have to seek approval from a committee.

More and better education is the siren song for the new look nurse/doctor. The Project 2000 of the UKCC (Central Committee on Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting) wants a thorough academic education for all nurses. So does the RCN Nursing Manifesto.

Fair enough, but the BSc or diploma nurse spends much time away from patients. Surely the real need is for experienced people who will do the vital routine tasks. "Two things are killing nursing," says Kit Kidner.

"The 1968 Salmon report, which eliminated matrons and brought in management categories as the only means of advancement, and Project 2000 have combined to create a future in which nurses are midway between nurses and doctors but are neither. In the meantime there will be no one doing the real nursing unless they create another layer."

The search for status and power is part of the human condition. Ironically, those nursing professionals most in pursuit of "respect" may have let it slip through their fingers. The old-fashioned matron wielded enormous influence and the most hardened consultant never had any doubt about the "equal" power of sister. The vanity of those consultants who fail to realize the crucial importance of good teamwork with nurses has a hefty price; good nurses simply go to hospitals where their value is recognized. In the end, women could become totally "equal" with doctors by simply going to medical school – 46 per cent of medical students are female.

Meanwhile, counteracting scarcity with money is the least dangerous, and cheapest, way to cope with the nursing shortage. We must avoid crippling the health system by turning hospitals into arenas of jurisdictional dispute as nurses with newly raised consciousnesses and a crisis of expectations create bureaucratic nightmares. That would be the most expensive proposition of all.

Flights over the frontiers

A documentary on the swashbuckling pilots of the Sudan had a strange gestation, as Sally Brompton reports

Nadia Haggar has never forgotten sitting by her parents' swimming pool at the age of 15, and having her long hair stroked by the wing of a single-engined plane.

It was piloted by one of the men whom her older brother, an agricultural student, had brought home to spend the weekend on their father's coffee plantation in the Sudan. The pilot belonged to an exclusive and daredevil breed of men known among themselves as "ag-pilots" – the agricultural pilots who spray crops by flying heavily-loaded planes just above ground at high speeds in gruelling and often primitive conditions.

They fly for the sheer danger of what they describe as "the last frontier of *real* physical flying"; to the teenage girl they were "Clint Eastwood figures – just so vivid that they stayed in my imagination". When her BBC boss asked her, nearly 20 years later, whether she had any ideas for a television documentary, she immediately thought of the swashbuckling characters who had made such an impression in her youth.

The result, *Into Africa*, features the ag-pilots who flock to Kenya and the Sudan each year: they spray coffee and cotton, as well as carrying casualties out of heavily guarded and mined war zones for the Red Cross and undertaking secret missions into the guerrilla-controlled southern Sudan, where the rebels regularly shoot down planes.

They are men like Englishman Tony Abercromby-Dick, who went out to Kenya in 1955 at the time of the Mau Mau, and when that military emergency ended re-directed his passion for danger into, first, charter flying and then crop-spraying.

In order to research and film the documentary, which she wrote and produced, Haggar spent three months living alongside the ag-pilots in accommodation which ranged from converted packing cases to tents.



She says that she is not particularly adventurous



Mesmerized by memories: Nadia Haggar (inset) and the daredevil ag-pilots

Her nerve was initially put to the test at the beginning of her research, when she visited some ag-pilots crop-spraying near the White Nile in the Sudan. When she asked them to explain the sensation, they suggested that she should try it for herself. Since the planes were all single-seaters, they strapped her on top of a tin can behind the pilot, who handed her a plastic sick-bag and told her: "I just want you to remember, at the worst moments, that I know what I'm doing."

Flying three feet above ground and hurtling into 180 degree turns, she felt her stomach being wrenched by the pull of gravity. "It was the strangest feeling," she recalls. "It was total terror. My mouth went completely dry and I could literally smell my own fear. But I knew I couldn't afford to be sick." To the pilots' amazement, she was not – "so I scored a point there". Haggar says that they are so proud of what they do that "they get carried away. They are all slightly suicidal. It's a bit like a game of Russian roulette."

Deprived for six months at a time of female company, they took the opportunity to unburden themselves to Haggar. "We talked mainly about their lives, their flying, their dreams, their women. Quite a lot of them are married, and for most of them their marriages work only because they are away."

Haggar's own childhood was spent in the pioneering environment of the south Sudanese jungle, "hundreds of miles from anywhere". At the age of five she was sent to school in Egypt and then on to a convent in Devon. With a degree in English from London University, she got a job with the BBC Arabic Service before transferring to television.

She moved through the departments, from production assistant up to director and then had an idea for a documentary, *Haunted Heroes*, about the Vietnam veterans who live in the wildernesses of America. It won the Prix Italia and gave Haggar the chance to make *Into Africa*.

Despite the fact that both her films are about men who, for completely different reasons, "cannot feel at home in our civilized package society", she says that she is not particularly adventurous herself and wants nothing more than to live in a city surrounded by people. "The only way I could persuade the BBC to let me make a film was by doing something nobody else would do," she explains. "I'd give anything to make one about an artist living on Clapham Common."

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Into Africa, in the Wideworld series, will be shown on BBC2 next Wednesday, 8.10pm.

Child's eye view of law

With the recent attention on cases of child abuse, perhaps it is time to reassess the legal rights of children

With Dr Marietta Higgs before the Cleveland child abuse inquiry this week, one thing is already clear: whatever the judge's findings, the affair has given a massive boost to parents' rights. Any changes in the law will reflect this. But it is far less certain what the outcome will be for the rights of the children involved.

Cleveland has sharpened public awareness about shortcomings in the treatment of children by social services and the courts; but the revelations come as no surprise to at least one group of people: the Children's Legal Centre.

Jenny Kuper, one of the centre's lawyers, says: "No one listened to what the children said had happened to them; if they said they were not abused, they were just ignored."

It is part of a wider attitude towards children and what they say in Britain. "American research has shown that children's evidence is no more or less reliable than that of adults," according to Isobel Reid, another of the centre's advisers. "In abuse cases in particular, they are extremely unlikely to make it up. The problem comes in getting adults to believe them."

The centre is unique in Britain: it opened in 1981 as a registered charity and limited company to provide advice and information on children and the law. Run on a shoestring budget of £160,000 a year (a mixture of government funds and grants) it operates from a couple of rooms in Islington, where its six workers battle to meet the mounting demand for its services.

Requests for advice, by telephone and letter, have risen by 400 per cent between 1983 and 1986; there were more than 300 telephone calls in one month alone, for example, and in the last 12 months, with the focus on child abuse, the numbers have continued to grow. Only 8 per cent of calls are from young people, however; one reason, the centre says, is that it is difficult for children to get to a telephone on their own during the day.

The centre encourages the recognition of children as individuals under the law, who should be able to have their interests and views represented independently; in other words, "to be involved, informed, and listened to".

British lawyers are not encouraged to specialize in children's law (although one law centre, in Brent, is now tailored specifically to the needs of young people in the area). And in legal proceedings children are often not entitled to direct representation.

In the US, procedures and attitudes are generally far more advanced where children are concerned, says Isobel Reid. Video links – now to be introduced in the courts here – have been used for some time in US child abuse cases, and a child's evidence generally does not need to be corroborated.

Legal action can also be brought on behalf of groups of children: one such "class action" was brought over the penal policies at the Florida state training schools. In this country, however, class actions are still not possible; the Children's Legal Centre tried, and failed, to participate in the Gillick case on contraception, on the ground that "children generally" needed a voice in the proceedings.

But if the Cleveland affair does nothing else, it looks likely that the Government's long awaited proposal to reform child care law will at least now be implemented.

Frances Gibb

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Small wonder of sound

TALKBACK

From Joanne Patrick, High Street, Frant, Kent

I read with interest Lee Rodwell's article "The sounds for silence" (November 5). Last summer we used a baby soother tape for our newly-born daughter; she would only sleep for the duration of the tape (about 20 minutes). She became "addicted" to the noise and could not go to sleep without it, which meant us getting up in the night, (sometimes as many as four times) to switch the machine back on.

From Jane C Hern, Chancery Lane, London WC2

Readers of the article about matrimonial law and lawyers (Monday Page, October 26) might get the impression that divorce lawyers are only concerned with securing the largest settlement possible. This is not so.

In many cases, divorce is not at all lucrative for either party or their solicitors. Most divorce settlements are concerned with stretching already limited resources to maintain two families instead of one. The trauma and hardship involved in this is hardly a "career" that many women would wish to pursue. In addition, such proceedings are often conducted on legal aid and there is no way that the current legal aid rates will keep solicitors in any style to which they would like to become accustomed.

The article also refers to the existing divorce law as "a delicious bit of English hypocrisy". The sole ground for divorce is the irretrievable breakdown of marriage, which is a "no-fault" ground, but this must be evidenced by proving one or more of five circumstantial facts which include, in effect, the old matrimonial offences of adultery, desertion and cruelty. If irretrievable breakdown were instead established simply by proof that the couple have lived apart for at least a year, it would provide a genuine no-fault test.

From Helen Stanger, Botley Road, Burridge, Southampton

What a shocking indictment Mrs Cripps has made against thousands of boarding school parents (Talkback, November 11). We sent our three sons to a boarding, public school (after one boarding term at their preparatory school), solely to obtain for them the best education available.

Far from enjoying "more freedom and a better social life" of Mrs Cripps imaginings, we suffered the usual anguish and heartache at parting from our children, and the awful emptiness at home without them. We missed them dreadfully, as do most parents who are prepared to sacrifice their own emotional needs for the sake of their children's education.

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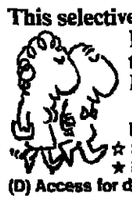
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in *Jeffrey Archer's* courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 6.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **CROWNED WITH FLAME:** *Winning performance* by James Goode as the young black composer Coleridge Taylor finding his way in Edwardian England.
Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill SW11 (01-223 2223). Station: Clapham Junction. Tonight until Sun 29th 8-10pm, £3-£4.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **OLD YEAR'S EVE:** New Peter Speyer play set at the turn of the year on a remote South African *vineyard.*
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795/01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Tonight 7pm, then in rep. £7.50.

☆ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and *Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.*
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £6.50-£14.50. (half-price for children until Dec 23).

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072. cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111. cc 01-836 1171). ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CROYDON: ☆ **I'm Dreaming the Hardest:** Vince Foxall's engrossing play about the last hours of Marilyn Monroe.
Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, East Croydon (01-680 4060), Tues-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm. £3.75-£4.75.

LEEDS: ☆ **A Chorus of Disapproval:** Alan Ayckbourn's adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Fat Pig – The Musical:** *Spectacular* Kneger/Bramble show, packed with circus tricks, *about the greedy* pig who tries to lose weight to save himself from the *bacon slicer.*
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £4-£9.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Loot:** Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton's inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 624 2829). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. £3.50-£6.90.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
≥ Advance booking possible

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective *pursues a missing* person to the voodoo underworld of New *Orleans.* Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style *(113 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 6.05, 8.25.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his *performance as the* brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony *Scott directs (103 min).*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30,11.15.
≥ Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

INNER SPACE (PG): Imaginative comic *fantasy from the Spielberg* factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 11.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.35, 8.10, 11.15.

MAURICE (15): Set during the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45, 11.50.

■ **A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18):** The latest addition to the gory *adventures* of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, *Patricia Arquette,* and Robert Englund; director is Chuck Russell (96 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.

■ *ROXANNE (PG): Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for *Steve Martin, as a* fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love *(107 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.50.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy *adaptation of John Updike's clever* novel about the battle of the sexes. *With Susan Sarandon, Cher,* Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.15, 5.00, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 5.10, 8.10, 11.20.
≥ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
≥ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
☆ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **THOMAS/BBC PHILHARMONIC:** *Patrick Thomas conducts the BBC* Philharmonic in Shostakovich's *Symphony No 6, Haydn's* Symphony No 77, and Poulenc's *Piano Concerto, in which the soloist* is Paul Crossley.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504). *12.15pm, £2.50.*

☆ **NINGHE NINGHE:** Besides Montsalvatge's *Ninghe Ninghe,* Claire Daniels, soprano, sings Afrisdora's song from Purcell's *Don Quixote,* Turina's *Besa el aura,* two of Satie's cafe songs and Britten's Hardy settings, *Winter Words.* A remarkable programme.
Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-636 1500). *1.30-2.15pm, free.*

EVENING

☆ **WORDSWORTH'S INTIMATIONS:** Conducted by Sir David Willcocks, the Bach Choir, RPO and soloists perform *Intimations of Immortality,* Gerald Finzi's setting of Wordsworth.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30pm, £3-£11.

☆ **FREMAUX/SNO:** Debussy's *Prélude à l'apres midi d'un faune* and *La Mer* are heard from the Scottish National Orchestra under Louis Frémaux, and in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491 the soloist is Christian Zacharias.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 228 5756). 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

☆ **ALL RACHMANINOV:** In an *unusual bit of programming* Howard Shelley and Hilary *McNamara perform the two-piano* version of Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances, this being* followed by his Vespers sung by the Scottish Philharmonic Singers under Ian McCrone.
Glasgow City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041 522 5961), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ **NEW SALONEN:** A sometime winner of the Newport International *Piano Competition,* Nicholas Walker gives the UK première of *YTA2 by Esa-Pekka Salonen, better* known as a conductor. To it are added Haydn's *Sonata Hob XVI/50,* Beethoven's Sonata Op 57 *"Appassionata" and Liszt's* Sonata.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.



Jacqueline Holborough (above) wrote her first play in jail. Before her three year sentence for "letters of conspiracy against a *South African corporation*" she nursed ambitious to be an actress, but while serving her time in Askham Grange she wrote a one-act play, *A Question of Habit,* for the prison theatre workshop. This won her the Koestler Award, given each year for an art work created by a prisoner, and changed her life. After release she helped transform the workshop group into Clean Break, a touring company of women ex-prisoners, and remained with them for eight years, writing short plays for the stage and radio, and two documentaries for television. Her ear for individual speech patterns and different kinds of humour was a striking feature of her first full-length play, *The Garden Girls, produced at the Bush Theatre last year; her new play, Dreams of San Francisco,* once again has a women-only cast but moves outside the prison setting to the wider world of feminism. Bush Theatre, Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (01-743 3388) previews tonight, tomorrow and Sunday, 8-10pm. First night November 30, 7-9pm. Then Wednesday to Sunday, 8pm (£5).
Jeremy Kingston

☆ **LCC/LBO:** The London Concert Choir combines with the London Bach Orchestra and soloists for Bach's Magnificat and F major Mass as well as Vivaldi's Gloria.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.45pm, £5-£8.

☆ **ALL PURCELL:** In their all-Purcell series the Purcell Quartet play some of his many suites and sonatas, and Lynne Dawson sings some of his numerous songs.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5.

OPERA

★ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** New, commedia dell'arte-inspired production by Jonathan Miller for English National Opera, with Alan Opie in the title role and Mark Elder conducting.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** *Giles Havergal's harum-scarum* production for Welsh National Opera.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £7-£21.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells *Opera tour Christopher* Renshaw's popular production.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091 514 2517), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£10.50.

ROCK

☆ **ALPHA BLONDY:** Celebrated French-speaking reggae *singer* from the ivory Coast, now resident in Paris. His excellent *Jerusalem* album features Bob Marley's Wailers including Junior Murvin, Aston "Family Man" Barrett and the late Carlton Barrett.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **CHICAGO JACKMASTER HOUSE TOUR:** *An upbeat disco* package of House music *celebrities, the windy city's* equivalent to Washington's Go Go and *New York's Hip Hop. Featuring* Darryl Pandy, Farley Jackmaster Funk, JM Silk and many others.
International, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (061 224 5050), 8pm, £5.

☆ **DENNIS BROWN:** The rich-*voiced Jamaican singer whose* records are never far from the *reggae charts, touring with Lloyd* Parkes's We The People Band.
Leeds Polytechnic, Calverly Street (0532 430771) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **LL COOL J:** *While Cool J's* current single "Go Cut Creator Go", is the *neatest Chuck Berry cut* and scratch job yet, support acts Eric B. & Rakim ("Paid In Full") and Public Enemy ("Rebel Without A Pause") have both gone significantly higher in the chart.
Barrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041 552 4601) 7.30pm, £6.

JAZZ

☆ **STAN TRACEY:** The evergreen pianist's quartet features Art *Themen on reeds.*
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **STEVE WILLIAMSON:** The exciting young tenor is set to make a splash in 1988.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 2223), 9pm, £4.

☆ **PARIS REUNION BAND:** More than just an exercise in nostalgia, the all-star band of former expatriates boasts some of the finest bop players on the circuit, among them Joe Henderson and Woody Shaw.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). 9.30pm, £8 (£6 for members).

☆ **DAVE O'HIGGINS:** *Another of* the rising crop of young *saxophonists, he made his name* with the National Youth Jazz *orchestra. His band includes* bassist Alec Dankworth, son of John.
Flambards, Rose Crescent, Cambridge (0223 358108), 8pm, £4.

GALLERIES

FERNAND LEGER (1881-1955): One hundred paintings, drawings and watercolours from the artist's later years.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11-5pm. £2.50, free, until Feb 21.

VERONICA RYAN: Sensual floor *sculptures based on organic and* floral forms.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Manchester (061 236 2715). Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 12.30-4.30pm. free, until Jan 9.

IVOR ABRAHAMS: Recent drawings for sculptures.
The Mayor Gallery, 22A Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3558). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Dec 23.

GRAHAM CLARKE: A collection of prints depicting watersheds of English history.
CCA Galleries, 8 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 6701). Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, *free, until* Dec 3.



Estelle Thompson (above) who *is one of the* numerous young painters currently contributing to the fine tradition of British landscape art opens her first one-woman show in London today (see listing). But, oddly, although her work evokes the light and space of countryside — in a manner *resembling* Turner's atmospheric late pictures — it is not topographical. Her paintings are just as much concerned with both colour and texture used for their own sake as they are about the depiction of imagined places.

SKILL GALLERY CRAFTSMEN: Christmas show of *unique* items in glass, ceramic, leather and textile.
Clarendon Gallery, 139 Portland Road, London W11 (01-229 5693), daily 11-6pm, free, until Dec 7.

AT HOME WITH ARTISTS: Artists including John Brunsdon and Valerie Thornton celebrate the *gallery's* 25th birthday.
Anthony Dawson Gallery, 41 Lillian Road, London SW13 (01-748 1306). Tues-Sat 10-6pm, free, until Dec 23.

ESTELLE THOMPSON: See caption.
Richard Pomeroy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (01-237 6062). *Tues-Fri* 11-6.30pm, Sat 11-4pm, free, until Jan 16.

DANCE

★ **FOR YOU WERE MINE:** Lloyd Embleton's creation to Sibelius *music for the* Scottish Ballet, with two shorter new works and *The Water's Edge* with music by members of Jethro Tull.
Studio Theatre, 261 Princes Street, Glasgow (041 227 5511) 7.30-10pm, £7.50.

☆ **JOHN SOMEBODY:** Rosalind Newman's creation for London Contemporary Dance Theatre is given with London premieres of Siobhan Davies's *Red Steps* and *Hang-Up* by Jonathan Lunn and Anthony Minghella.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£10.50.

☆ **OTHELLO:** Peter Darrell's dance-drama for London City Ballet with Goldmark Variations and The Nutcracker Suite.
Secombe Centre, 42 Cheam Road, Sutton (01-661 0416) 7.30-10pm, £4.50.

☆ **GLORIANA:** Michael Corder's new Gloriana for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet with other recent productions by David Bintley, Susan Crow and Graham Lustig.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10pm, £4.50-£14.

WALKS

THE LONDON OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube, 3pm. £2.50.

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 2pm, £3.

JEWISH EAST END: meet Aldgate tube. 11am, £3.

A LONDON VILLAGE – CHELSEA: meet Sloane Square tube. 11am, £2.25.

PUB WALK – DICKENS'S HOSTELRIES: meet St Paul's tube, *7.30pm, £2.25.*

UNDERWORLD LONDON – FAGIN'S FRIENDS: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

ON THE TRAIL OF JACK THE *RIPPER:* meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS: More than 30 craft stalls selling locally *made items from handmade* crackers, paper and pressed flowers, patchwork, to soft toys, leatherwork, Cornish Arans and designer knitwear, pewter and pottery.
Wadebridge Town Hall, Wadebridge, Cornwall. Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow 9.30am-5.30pm, free.

THE PLAYERS THEATRE: To *coincide with the exhibition The Edwardian Era* an evening of music *with members of the Players* Theatre. The audience is invited to dress up for the occasion in which they will undoubtedly be required to participate.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (Box Office 01-638 8891/628-8795), 7.30pm, £6.50, includes glass of wine.

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEK: Shopkeepers *and staff throughout the town* dressed in period costume for the *next week and many street* entertainments including barrel *organ and buskers.*
Town Centre, Barnard Castle, *County Durham. Today until Dec 6* during shop opening hours.

BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL EXHIBITIONS: Last two days of *"From Cow Pie to My Guy"* — an exhibition of post-war British Comics and *"Peter Halliday,* Calligrapher" a display of work by the scribe including *the graphic* interpretation of poets such as e e cummings and John Donne.
Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham (021 440 3838). Today, tomorrow *10am-11pm, free.*

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF WINE FOOD AND DRINK: First day of a *three-day* exhibition with 80 exhibitors showing a wide range of wines and foods. Also cookery demonstrations, cooks, tastings.
Alexandra Palace, London N22 (01-883 6477). Today, tomorrow, 10am-8pm, £2.50, Sun 10am-6pm, £3.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MASS CARIB: Exploration of the black experience of Christianity in *full Mass service* with choir, non-Western instruments and all-black *line Dance Company.* Jan 4-10.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance booking *open. General* booking from Dec 1/2.

JAMES BOND – THE PANTO: Zap Club's Christmas show of cabaret, comedy and hi-tech, with John Dowie and Judy Pascoe, directed by Pete McCarthy. Dec 30 - Jan 9.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647).

CHISENHALE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Celebratory event with drumming Lindy Hop, acrobatics, colourful costume and dancing. Dec 18.
Chisenhale Dance Space, 64-8 Chisenhale Road, Bow, London E3 (01-980 8115).

LAST CHANCE

BELFAST FESTIVAL: Ends this weekend with Festival Hall (tonight) in Ulster Hall; Grosvenor High School Choir (tomorrow) in Elmwood Hall; and closing concert, with Ulster Orchestra and Vernon Handley (tomorrow) in Ulster Hall.
Box Office, 25 College Gardens, Belfast (0232 665577, cc 0232 666321/247728).

LOOKING WEST: Exhibition of work spanning a century of inspiration drawn from West Cornwall landscape, with works by Barbara Hepworth, Patrick Heron and Newlyn school of painters.
Royal College of Art, Kensington, London SW7 (National Trust 01-222 9251). Ends today.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MACHICOLATION
(c) Architectural jargon for openings in castle parapet to *pour down* molten lead, etc., on unwelcome callers.

EPENTHESIS
(a) Erroneous insertion of an extra sound in a word, as in restaurateur and scrapegoat. From Greek for something extra *inserted.*

COLOPHON
(b) From the Greek for a finishing touch, and perhaps also from the horsemen of *Kolophon in Asia Minor,* whose cavalry regularly turned the tide of battle.

JIMMIES
(a) Bits of candy put on US ice *cream as a topping.* Nervous frets are THE Jimmies.

ULLAGE
(c) The quantity of liquid by which a container falls short of being full; from Old French *ouiller,* to fill up.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) Witches of Eastwick
2 (2) Roxanne
3 (–) Manon des Sources
4 (6) Maurice
5 (4) Beverly Hills Cop II
6 (5) The Untouchables
7 (3) Nightmare on Elm Street III
8 (–) A Month in the Country
9 (–) House of Games
10 (7) Angel Heart
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 A Nightmare on Elm Street III
2 Beverly Hills Cop II
3 Roxanne
4 Angel Heart
5 The Witches of Eastwick
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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Running Man
2 (–) Cinderella
3 (–) Flowers in the Attic
4 (2) Fatal Attraction
5 (–) Nuts
6 (3) Hello Again
7 (4) Baby Boom
8 (8) Dirty Dancing
9 (5) Suspect
10 (9) Princess Bride
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Crocodile Dundee
2 Top Gun
3 The Color of Money
4 Heartbreak
5 The Golden Child
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Shows for Christmas

Next Monday in the Information Service — a full guide to the best pantomimes and Christmas shows

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tonight 7.45 **LONDON SINFONIA** CHOIR English Baroque Orchestra Leon Lovett (cond).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tonight 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Tomor 7.30 Rigoletto.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stalls/ Info 836 6903. S CC. 65 instnl seats avail on the day. EX Tonight 7.30 (TV recording) THE **ROYAL OPERA** Ms Ratcliffe conducts Sir Geraint Evans' Late cancels cannot be admitted until the interval - c7.10 pm Tomor 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** Swan Lake. ballet casting info: 01 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Until 8 Dec. Eves 7.30 pm **LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE** Until Sat: John Somebody, Hang Up, Red Steps, Fabrications From Tors: And They Dr. Maybe Tomorrow/ Ipso Ver.

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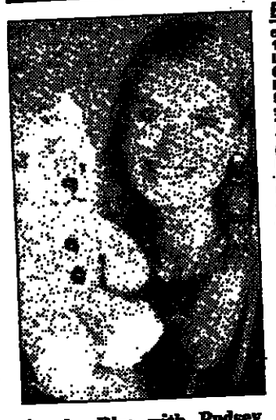
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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Dumb's the Word (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00,** and **8.30;** regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25;** and **Challenge Anneka** in which Anneka Rice discovers what task she has to do in the next 12 hours to raise money for the Children in Need appeal. There are updates of her progress throughout the day.
8.40 Open Air presented by Eamonn Holmes **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on how children raise money for charity.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Challenge Anneka** update **10.05 Going for Gold** (r). **10.30 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A thought for the day from Barry Foster **11.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air** introduced by Janet Ellis and Bob Wellings. Answering viewers' questions will be *Blue Peter*'s Biddy Baxter and the *Blackadder* team of Rowan Atkinson and Tony Robinson
12.00 Daytime Live. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours. 1.50 Challenge Anneka** update.
2.00 Film: The Sisters (1938, b/w) starring Bette Davis, Errol Flynn and Anita Louise. The tale of an eligible young woman who shocks her family, friends and fiancé when she elopes with a penniless sportswriter. Directed by Anatole Litvak.
3.35 Challenge Anneka update **3.40** Ask Margo. Advice on welfare rights, employment, housing and legal issues.
3.50 Corners. Children's questions answered **4.10 SuperTed** (r). **4.15 What's All This Then?** Comedy series.
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Grange Hill. Episode 18 (r). (Ceefax) **5.35 Challenge Anneka** update
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Children in Need. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook introduce an evening of entertainment designed to raise as much money as possible for the Children in Need Fund **7.20 Children Down Our Way.** Regional reports on the fund-raising.
7.35 Jim Fixes It for Children in Need. Jimmy Savile makes a dream come true for a special young lady.
8.00 Children in Need. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook with fund-raising celebrity guests.
8.20 Challenge Anneka. Coming up for end of the 12 hour challenge. Will Miss Rice complete her task in time?
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Children in Need. Terry and Sue collect more promises of cash.
9.45 Children of Courage. Esther Rantzen with stories of children's bravery and determination.
10.30 Children in Need includes a report from Ray Moore at Crystal Palace on fund-raising events around the country.
11.00 Children of Our Own. Reports from around the regions on how they used their share of last year's £8.6 million.
11.50 The Last Lap. The final surge to beat last year's donations record.
1.25 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30 Daytime on Two:** how the Scots cope with their climate **9.52** Part nine of a ghost story **10.15** Music of the sea **10.38** The coal industry's future **11.00** A traditional tale from China **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Light signals **12.00** Romeo and Juliet workshop session **12.35** Drama about a young man learning kung fu **1.05** Apprentices in Austria **1.20** Two See-Saw programmes for the young **1.38.** Secondary school pupils write a children's story **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by David Icke. The opening frames of both semifinals in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Henry Cooper talks to Desmond Lynam about his favourite television memories.
4.30 International Snooker. Further semifinal action from Preston, introduced by David Vine.
5.30 Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Great River (1967) starring Mike Henry. The jungle hero learns of a revival of the evil cult of the Leopard Man. Directed by Robert Day.
7.25 Cartoon Two. Story of a Hen.
7.30 The Education Programme examines the section of the new Education Bill about schools opting out of local authority control.
8.00 International Snooker.
8.30 Out of Court. David Jessel and Kirsty Wark examine David Alton's proposed abortion bill amendment and the effect it might have on women in Northern Ireland where the 1967 Abortion Law does not apply.
9.00 The Duty Men. The Customs and Excise officers at Heathrow question a woman who arrives from Pakistan about the contents of her suitcase.
9.50 Arena: Your Honour, I Object! (see Choice)
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.
11.30 International Snooker. The final frames of the semifinals of the Tennents United Kingdom Championship. Ends at **1.35.**



Anneka Rice with Pudsey Bear: Children in Need, BBC1 at various times

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES **5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-6.45** Challenge Anneka **6.45-7.00** Sportsfolio **1.25am-1.30** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.55am-11.00** Saal! Seo **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Challenge Anneka **7.30-7.35** Here We Go, Northern Ireland **11.00-11.30** Children of our Own (as network) **11.30-11.50** Back in Belfast **1.25am-1.30** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: **6.30am-8.55** Mastermam 87 **8.00pm-8.30** Public Account **NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax **ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30** Midlands: Jailers.

ANGLIA As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Bhowani Junction **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Question **11.00-1.00am** Film: Rear-view Mirror.

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Riddle of the Sands **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30** Film: Black Windmill **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Murphy's War **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Central Weekend **2.00am** The Roxy **2.30** America's Top Ten **3.00** Adventure Bound **4.00** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly Ace of Spies **2.00-3.00** Blacke's Magic **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Outland **12.50am-1.00** TV Censored Bloopers **4.00** Company. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Last Mornams **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Trang Trang **3.45-4.00** Siudan **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.30** Crosstire **11.00** Downtown **11.55** Meltdown **12.25am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00** Film: Miranda **2.30-3.00** Week in View **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Knight Rider **10.30** This England **11.00** Film: Return of Mike Hammer **12.45am** I Spy **1.45** Meltdown **2.45** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: Burning Rubber **2.30-3.00** Who's The Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Your Say **10.45** Flashback for the Fans **11.15** Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes **12.45am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** The Story and The Song **11.00-12.30am** Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes.

TSW As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Woman of Straw **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.30** Sledgehammer **11.05** Film: The Squeeze **1.00am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Reilly Ace of Spies **2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** Crosswits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30** Facing South **11.00** Film: Outland **12.50am-1.00** Bloopers **4.00** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Seven Deadly Sins **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Darts **10.32** Nightline **11.30** Film: Last Video and Testament **12.45am** Christian Calendar. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm** Newstime **1.00** Film: Beyond the Curtain **2.30-3.00** Crazy World of Sport **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35** Kelly's People **11.20** British Airways Tourist Endeavour Awards introduced by Gerry Kelly **11.50** Newhart **12.15am** Newsnme. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.00** Film: Masquerade **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.30** Film: Red Light Sting **12.20am** Film: The Romantic Englishwoman **2.35** Jobfinder **3.35** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** Film: Desperate Journey' **4.00** Brwsion **4.10** Plant Mewn Angen **4.15** Y Smyrfs **4.45** Plant Mewn Angen **5.00** Chips' Comic **5.30** Chart Show **6.00** Rewd **6.15** Famous for 15 Minutes **6.30** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Plant Mewn Angen **7.35** Rargian Fawr **8.05** Trebor **8.35** Plant Mewn Angen **8.40** Carreg Ateb **9.05** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.50** Plant Mewn Angen **9.55** Snwcer **10.35** Plant Mewn Angen **10.45** Vivat Regina **11.15** Assert Yourself **12.00** Plant Mewn Angen **12.05am** Last Resort **12.50** Closedown.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30;** weather at **6.28** and **6.58;** financial advice at **6.35;** sport at **6.40;** and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00;** cartoon at **7.25;** sport at **7.40;** and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes an item on reflexology, with Renata Douglas Wilson.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines **10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion.
11.10 Rainbow. Learning about communication with the help of puppets (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 At the Works.** Local history series. With Margaret Tyzack. In 1907 Lady Bell made clear her disapproval of drinking and gambling among the working classes. What do the ordinary women of 1987 think of her attitude? **12.00 Jimmy's.** A visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Film: Never Too Young to Rock (1975) starring Peter Denyer. Rock music tale of a television station looking for new talent. Directed by Dennis Abey. **3.00 Take the High Road.** Times are getting harder for Bob **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Scooby Doo 4.45 Splash goes pony-trekking on the Isle of Arran; watches a teenage diving champion in action; and reviews the film version of *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe.*
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 The Price is Right. The first of a new series of the game show presented by Leslie Crowther.
8.00 The Bretts. Edwin bails Martha out of prison and falls for the lovely Lady Diana Lucas, while Martha must choose between her career and Gerard Lee. Starring Norman Rodway, Barbara Murray, David Yelland and Belinda Lang. (Oracle)
9.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. The two law officers are caught in a Hatton Garden ambush in which a colleague is killed. Spikings demands that the culprits be brought to justice — quickly. Starring Michael Brandon, Glynis Barber and Ray Smith (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten followed by **LWT News** headlines.
10.30 The London Programme. An examination of the latest crisis in the borough of Brent where there are allegations of financial corruption, intimidation and violence.
11.00 The Good Life Guide investigates the pleasures of giving your children everything you never had.
11.30 Go for Goal. The semifinals of the indoor sports tournament between teams representing leisure centres.
12.30 Off the Rack. Rag trade comedy series starring Ed Asner and Eileen Brennan.
1.00 Night Network includes a tribute to Enid Blyton and video requests presented by Deborah Benson.
4.00 Route 66 (b/w). The boys become involved in a mining conflict (r).
4.55 World Series Baseball '87. St Louis Cardinals v Minnesota Twins. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Mark Rogerson.
12.30 Start Here. Educational series for children (r).
1.00 On Course. Open College trainers programme.
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Heritage: Civilization and the Jews. Part six (r).
3.15 Second Glance. A short film evoking the age of steam (r).
3.30 Time to Remember (b/w). Berlin in 1933 (r).
4.00 Mavis on 4. With journalists James Naughtie and Edward Pearce who take opposite views of the month's news.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is June Jay from Newport on the Isle of Wight.
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series.
5.30 The Chart Show. Part one.
6.00 Revid. A review of the latest film releases on video.
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes. The Rhythm Sisters from Leeds.
6.30 The Chart Show. Part two.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing. Weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Gavin Ewart reviews the *Collected Poems of D.J. Enright.* (Oracle)
8.00 What the Papers Say with Lesley Garner of the *Daily Telegraph.*
8.15 Dispatches: Selling the Tunnel. The story of the Eurotunnel management team's battles to persuade the City and the public to back the issue of shares.
9.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series. (Oracle)
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor horticulture. (Oracle)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Award-winning comedy series. (Oracle)
10.30 The Last Resort With Jonathan Ross. The guests include Paul McCartney, Harry Enfield and Meg Ryan.
11.20 Assert Yourself. A new series on assertiveness training. (Oracle)
12.05 The Best of Paul Hogan (r).
12.35 Film: A Question of Silence (1981). Three women turn on a boutique owner and murder him after he accuses them of shoplifting. Directed by Marleen Gorris. In Dutch with English subtitles. Ends **2.20.**

The courting of Moll

TELEVISION CHOICE



Trial trio in the Arena film Your Honour, I Object!, BBC2, at 9.50: Ken Russell, Bob Guccione and Richard Golub

● It was bound to end in tears. The paintiff is Bob Guccione, publisher of *Penthouse* magazine and occasional film producer. His cinema projects have included the completed *Caligula* and the so far abortive *Moll Flanders.* The defendant is Ken Russell, *enfant terrible* of the British cinema, who was engaged by Guccione to write and direct the said *Moll Flanders,* delivered the script, fell out with his employer, made no excuses and left. Guccione is suing Russell for $1.5 million. In Arena (BBC2, 9.50pm) Nigel Finch reconstructs the case. He has to reconstruct it because cameras were not allowed into the courtroom but everyone involved seems happy to talk. Russell, white-haired and plump, arrives in New York saying the issue is creative freedom. Guccione's lawyer says Russell was paid a large sum of money to give up his creative freedom. Guccione accuses Russell of being difficult, arrogant, self-centred and petulant. Russell's attorney is an aspiring rock star called Richard Golub. Instead of paying him a fee, Russell is directing him in a video. Unashamedly flashy, Golub steals his courtroom tricks from movies. He has 80 suits and selects a different one for each stage of the hearing. Guccione's man says juries are not swayed by what lawyers wear. All we see of *Moll Flanders* are screen tests of unknown actresses who have gamely taken their clothes off in the quest for fame. Russell declares that his version of *Moll,* which owes more to Hogarth than Daniel Defoe, is "potentially one of the greatest unmade films of the century". Guccione says he still wants to make it, but the director will definitely not be Ken Russell.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith with his Round Britain Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show (Tommy Vance). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00**am As Radio 2 **10.00**pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00**am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1).Includes regular progress reports on the Children in Need fund-raising drive **4.00**am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore (from Portsmouth) **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Esther Rantzen **1.05**pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Thanks for the Memory, with Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Tony Harrison at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Moira Anderson's Serenade **10.30** The Press Gang **11.00** Peter Dickson **1.00**am Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Write On ... **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Organists of Paris **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** The Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** A Drop of the Irish **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio newsreel **3.15** In the Psychiatrist's Chair **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** Battle of Pollock's Crossing **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial news **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** A Drop of the Irish **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

4.25 am Test Match Special: the First Test. Third day's play in the Pakistan v England match from Lahore. Until **11.55am.** On VHF and MW, but on MW only from **6.55am**
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Smetana (Tabor, Ma Vlast: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Walter Weller). Beethoven (Variations in F, Op 34: Lydia Artymiw, piano), d'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Song: Berne Symphony Orchestra under Peter Maag. with Michel Block, piano)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Concert (continued): Thomas Canning (Fantasy on a hymn tune by Justin Morgan: the Houston Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski), Haydn (Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3: Alban Berg String Quartet), Smetana (Blanik, Ma Vlast: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Walter Weller)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Dufay. Medieval Ensemble of London under Peter and Timothy Davies perform late songs, including En triumphant de Cruel Dueil; Malheureulx cueur; Les douleurs, dont me sens; Se la face ay pale; Mon cher amy; andO tres pletulx
9.40 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Vilem Tausky. Rossini (La cambiale di matrimonio overture), Dittersdorf (Symphony in F: Andromeda's Deliverance by Perseus). Strauss (Overture and Dance Scene, from Ariadne auf Naxos)
10.25 20th Century Flute Music: Judith Pearce and Peter Pettinger (piano). Lennox Berkeley (Sonatina), Hindemith (Echo), Elisabeth Lutyens (Variations Op 38), Hindemith (Sonata)
11.00 Vaughan Williams: Mass in G minor; and Te Deum in G. Corydon Singers, under Matthew Best, with soloists Mary Seers, Michael Chance, Philip Salmon and Jonathan Best. The organist is Thomas Trotter
11.35 Dvorak: Emerson String Quartet play the A flat quartet, Op 105
12.15 Midday Prom, from Manchester: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Patrick Thomas, with Malcolm Binns (piano). Part one. Haydn (Symphony No 77), and Poulenc (Piano Concerto)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Limits and Renewals: Patric Dickinson's verse compilation (inspired by the title of a collection of Kipling stories) is read by Martin Jarvis, Elaine Claxton and Denys Hawthorne (r)
1.20 Concert (part two): Shostakovich (Symphony No 6), Rimsky-Korsakov (Dance of the Tumblers, from The Snow Maiden)
2.05 University of Wales Recital: The King's Singers in performances of Bardos's Rapzodia, Szollosy's Miserere, and Janacek works including Orani, O lasko, Coz ta nase briza, and Ach voyna.
2.50 Carl Maria Von Weber: Northern Sinfonia, under Jacek Kasprzyk, with Paul Crossley (piano) and Stephen Reay (bassoon). The overture Silvana; the Piano Concerto No 1; Symphony in C: and Andante and Rondo all'Ongarese
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Westminster Abbey. The organ voluntary is Parry's Prelude on St Thomas, and the organist is David Briggs
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Natalie Wheen
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 Lulu: Scottish Opera's new production of the Alban Berg opera. Sung in the English version by Arthur Jacobs. Direct from the Theatre Royal, Glasgow. John Mauceri conducts the Scottish Opera Orchestra. Cast includes Beverly Morgan (title role), Roderick Kennedy, Chester Ludgin, Eduardo Alvares, Ian McKinven, Justin Lavender, Delia Wallis, Roger Bryson, and Hugh Hetherington. Act one begins at **7.15,** act two at **8.30,** and act three at **9.40.** At **8.15:** an interview with George Steiner, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Geneva University. At **9.25,** Frank Whitford interviews Martin Esslin, Professor of Drama, Stanford University, California
11.00 Gluck Trio-Sonatas: English Concert perform the No 7 in E and No 8 in F. Also, Giovanni Battista Sammartini's Trio-Sonata in A, Op 1 No 1
11.40 A Trio-Sonata Transcribed: Gyorgy Sandor (piano) plays Bartok's transcription of Bach's Trio-Sonata in G, BWV 530
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's castaway is Barry Cryer, who picks some of his favourite records (r) (s)
9.45 A Sideways Look at...With Anthony Smith
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Bride to Be, by Agnes Wedderburn. The reader is Valerie Murray
10.45 Daily Service : New Every Morning, page 50(s)
11.00 News; Analysis: God's Diplomacy: Chris Civic reviews Pope John Paul II's time in office and assesses the impact he has had on the world (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Booker-prize winning writer Penelope Lively enters the world of Christmas books for children. She is accompanied by Blake Morrison, literary editor of the Observer, and Julia Eccleshare, editor of Children's Books of the Year 1987
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper with his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: introduced by Mulia Shaw. From Newcastle upon Tyne
3.00 News; A Graham Greene Anthology: Our Man in Havana, dramatized in three parts by Gregory Evans. With Jack Watling and Eleanor Bron (2) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 On the Day I Was Born (new series): Larry Harris talks to well-known people about what was going on at the time of their birth (1) Bernard Weatherill MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, born on 25th November 1920. (see Choice)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes comment on Fat Pig, at the Leicester Haymarket; and new recordings of My Fair Lady and Follies (r)
5.00 PM. **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News, Incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team monitor movements in the world of travel and transport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the last week's television and radio programmes.
8.20 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby are Lord Young (Sec of State for Trade and Industry), John Smith QC, MP; Anne Sofer; and Gilbert Gray QC. From Woodford Green, in Essex
9.05 Law in Action: John Eidinow with issues thrown up by the courts and by Parliament
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Playing the Great Game. Richard Mayne reports on the world of spy-fiction, and asks if the genre has a future. Contributors include Kingsley Amis, Tad Albeury, Brian Freemantle, John Gardner, John Le Carrè, and Donald McCormick
10.15 A Grahame Greene Anthology: The End of the Affair. (final part). The readers are Julian Glover and Kika Markham **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Country Dancing Stage 3 **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Deutsches Magazin. **12.30** Unsere Schule **12.40** Was gibt's im Fernsehen? **12.50** Berlin ist eine Reise wert **1.00** Andere Lander, andere Sitten.

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RADIO CHOICE



Bernard Weatherill MP: on Radio 4, at 4.05pm

● If there is an in-built finiteness about programmes like **On the Day I Was born** (Radio 4, 4.05pm), in which celebrities talk about their lives, then the end of the road must still be some way off judging by the infinite ingenuity displayed by programme creators. *Desert Island Discs* still beats the band when it comes to radio biographies that have hardly anything to do with the title. But *On the Day I Was Born* is not far behind it because, to take this afternoon's interview with Bernard Weatherill, Speaker of the House of Commons as an example, the conversation departs so often from its brief — what was afoot on November 25 1920 when baby Bernard was born to a tailor father and a nurse mother— that the programme might just as well have been called *Speaker's Corner* for all the light it sheds on post-Great War Britain. On the credit (and strictly non-partisan) side, Mr Weatherill makes some interesting points about the Speaker's role and what some backbenchers do to try to catch his eye. And he makes no attempt to conceal his lack of enthusiasm for radio's snippety way of covering parliamentary debates.

Peter Davalle

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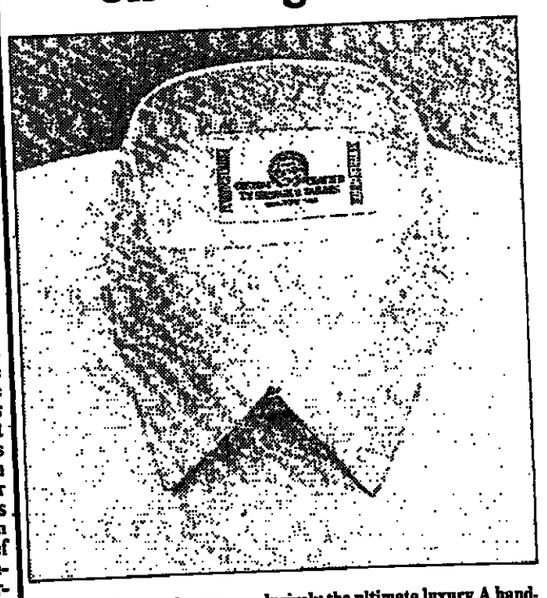
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Changes to ease abuse trauma

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

New rules to ease the trauma suffered by children in abuse cases have been drawn up by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd, in a speech last night announcing more aid for schemes to help victims of crime, said after the Cleveland inquiry he would be sending a circular to police similar to that issued last year on the treatment of rape victims.

Police are to be told to ensure that children are examined and interviewed in more comfortable circumstances, away from police stations.

They are being asked to co-operate more closely with social services departments so that skills are shared and children do not have to be interviewed twice. Evidence could be videoed so that it would be used by all the agencies involved in the case.

The new rules will draw from experiments conducted by the Metropolitan Police and Bexley social services in south-east London.

Mr Hurd, in his speech to Hornsey and Wood Green Conservatives, said co-operation between the police and other agencies was important to maximize the effectiveness of investigations and minimize the trauma for the child.

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Ministers are clearly hoping the police will become involved earlier than occurred in the Cleveland cases.

Mr Hurd also announced a further £4 million for the development of local victim support schemes. These are groups of trained voluntary workers who visit those who have suffered from crimes and help with their practical and emotional difficulties.

The Government had promised £9 million over three years. Last night's announcement was to cover a fourth year of the programme. The Government is insisting that as a condition of aid the schemes themselves should actively try to raise funds.

The National Association of Victims Support Schemes is one of the fastest growing voluntary organizations in the country. The total number of referrals of victims to its local schemes has doubled in two years. There are now 320 local schemes, compared with 256 two years ago and 30 when the association was formed in 1979.

Mr Martin Wright, information officer for the association, said the number of victims referred last year was 257,000 of whom 26,800 were victims of violent and sexual crimes. That proportion had increased from 8,500 two years ago.

After the Hungerford massacre, volunteers joined forces with other organizations to help victims.

The tyre man turns to high fashion



The exterior: After an official outlay of £8 million plus the purchase price the Michelin Building is back in business in Fulham Road, west London.

By Bryan Appleyard

Bibendum is reborn today. The fat, cigar-smoking, champagne-swilling man made of tyres is to become a high-fashion hero with the reopening of a temple dedicated to him in the Fulham Road. After two and a half years and the spending of an official £8 million (the real figure is said to be nearer £12 million) on top of the purchase price The Michelin Building is back in business.

It was bought from the Michelin company by Sir Terence Conran and the publisher Paul Hamlyn for £8 million. With the architects Conran Roche and YRM they then proceeded painstakingly to restore the home of Bibendum to its former glory.

But its former, rather prosaic function — as a tyre-changing depot — no longer fits in this increasingly fashionable corner of London. Instead it is to house a champagne and oyster bar — to be run by Conran's son Tom, a restaurant, the new Conran shop and the offices of Hamlyn's Octopus publishing group.

Bibendum, however, will still reign supreme. The ceramic pictures of his exploits have been cleaned and restored, the original stained glass windows glorifying his appetites have been recreated and his fat figure graces the ash trays in the bar and the restaurant. Even the furniture, designed by Conran himself and built at his country home, bears bulbous reminders of his pile-of-tyres figure.

The building first opened in January 1911. It was designed as a glorification of the pleasures of motoring and of the French automotive supremacy at the time. Its designer, Francois Espinasse, was not even a qualified architect and the only other building he is known to have designed is Michelin's Paris headquarters. The Michelin brothers themselves — Andre and Edouard — saw motoring as the realization of a dream of the good life and they wanted buildings that celebrated and advertised the fact.

Bibendum himself was born when Andre and Edouard noticed that a pile of their tyres looked vaguely human. They commissioned the artist O'Galop to produce a poster showing a man made of tyres with the Latin motto, stolen from a German beer poster, *Nunc est bibendum* — "Now is the time to drink." In those days drinking and driving were mutual pleasures rather than bitter enemies.

All this exuberance went into the building to make it a temple of motoring. And on top of all its extraordinary decoration it was architecturally important as one of the best early concrete buildings in London.

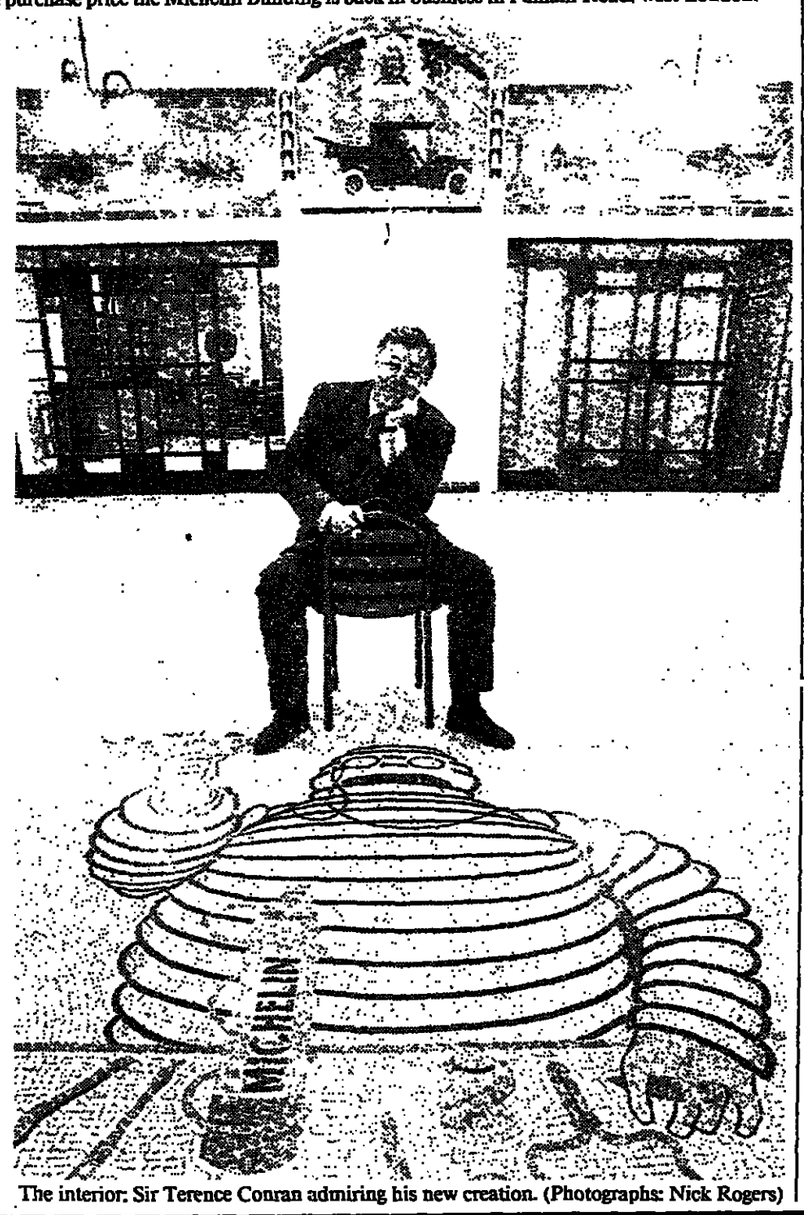
In the sixties the young Terence Conran opened his first Habitat shop next door. He now recalls looking wistfully across at the Michelin Building and wishing he could occupy that rather than his poor postwar building.

Habitat expanded and its original shop became the much more upmarket Conran Shop. Now that is to close and the shop will move into the heart of the Michelin Building.

But isn't the florid, highly-decorated building at odds with the pure, clean design lines usually favoured by Conran.

"No. That's where people get me wrong," he said standing in the Michelin foyer with a glass of champagne in one hand and a cigar in the other, "I'm into the good life. Look at this," he gestured at his paunch, "that's how much I believe in pleasure. Call this a Cathedral of Hedonism!"

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The interior: Sir Terence Conran admiring his new creation. (Photographs: Nick Rogers)

Commons sketch

Chants, choruses and statistics

"Productivity is growing more fast ... more fast ... um ... faster than in any other country", said Mr John Major. It is hard for Government front-benchers to find variations in the six or seven statistical slogans they repeat ad *nauseam*. When they attempt to add a little zip, they falter and have to start again.

While the Government chants economic superlatives, the Opposition combs the country for individual cases of misery. If someone in John O'Groat's is feeling a little off-colour on a Monday, by Friday he will form an important element in the Opposition attack on the Health Minister.

Some individual ailments become so exalted that they can be used to attack any other Minister too. This week, Baby Barber has entered into most discussions. "If everything in the economic garden is so rosy", they say, "Why couldn't Baby Barber get his operation?" In reply, the Minister chants once more, "Productivity is growing faster than in any other country", and so the wheels of debate churn round.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's team is well-chosen to see off most appeals to conscience. From above, Mr Nigel Lawson together with the coiffed Mr Norman Lamont, the burly Mr Peter Brooke and the lanky Mr John Major look peculiarly like Lord Snooty and his Chums. As Labour's finest carol-singers come calling with their heartbreaking choruses, the cold bucket of financial realism sloshes over them from an upstairs window.

"Exports rising, profits rising — and don't they dislike it!" yahooed the unusually boisterous Mr Major. Whenever the Opposition finds quibbles with Government statistics, they are blamed with vehement misanthropy. Similarly, if ever they worry about cutbacks in the caring services, they are charged with failing to recognize the valiant contribution, enormous efforts etc, etc, made by the sterling professionals who have not lost their jobs.

It is hardly surprising that some of the less reverent carol singers should have begun to wheel out vast amplifiers on which to play their pre-recorded tapes full blast.

Mr Robert Cryer switched his on to thunder that the cost of £22 billion to keep people unemployed was "part of the Government's continuing organized attack on the working class of this country".

"The Hon Member really shouldn't believe his own conspiracy theories", Mr Major sniggered. Next to him, Mr Nigel Lawson smiled contentedly. Mr Alexander Salmond (SNP, Banff and Buchan) told him that his speech last Monday in Glasgow had caused "great offence". Mr Lawson's smile grew broader.

Enter the Prime Minister, Beryl the Peril, chased by the slipperless figure of Mr Kinnock. Did she think that charging for medical examinations would make more people inclined to use the Health Service or less?

"I do not believe it will make very much difference", Mrs Thatcher said, her face resolute against the scornful laughter of the Opposition. Just in case ignoring the awful little man failed to make him go away, she turned her high-powered statistic-hose on him, hoping he would keel over at the full force of Labour cutbacks and deficits of 1977.

Mr Kinnock staggered to his feet, drenched but still spluttering. "The charges are economically stupid as well as ..." — with Mr Kinnock there is always an "as well as" — "... as well as morally completely disreputable".

The morally completely disreputable woman sat quietly in her seat as the Opposition began to bawl. While Miss Clare Short (Lab, Birmingham Ladywood) recited an inventory of illnesses suffered by her constituents, Mr Dennis Skinner yelled, "Show a bit of heart" and the moustachioed Mr Alan Meale (Lab, Mansfield) kept shaking his head and repeating "Disgrace! Disgrace!", the Wobbley-dog on the back of the Hard Left car.

"It's warming up", Mr Skinner muttered jovially. But the choir had begun yelling too late. The lady had already left by the side-door.

Craig Brown

UK can vet arms team

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runway. As soon as they arrive, they will be accompanied by both British and US representatives.

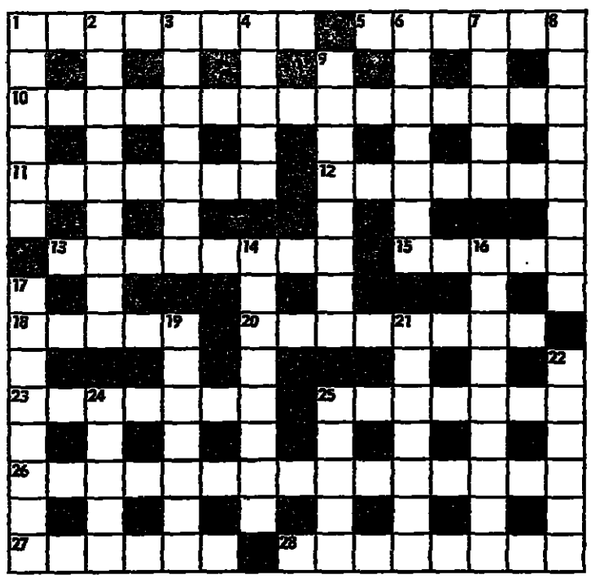
Sources said yesterday that the Soviet inspectors would be allowed to stay for a maximum of 90 hours.

The exact phasing-out timetable of the cruise and Pershing2 missiles has not yet been revealed. But the first phase of the withdrawals will be completed within "70 per cent" of the three-year period.

According to the latest data supplied by Washington and Moscow, based on the number of missiles deployed and held as reloads and spares, the US has 800 cruise and Pershing2 warheads and the Soviet Union 3,000 SS20, SS4 and shorter-range SS23 and SS12 warheads. Moscow has revealed it has 1,000 medium-range missiles, each with three warheads, and 1,000 single-warhead shorter-range missiles. The figures show, therefore, that each side has produced more than double the number of missiles actually deployed.

Yesterday, M André Giraud, the French Defence Minister, in presenting his budget for 1988 — which includes a new medium-range, ground-launched nuclear missile — gave a warning that the INF accord would "weaken Nato's ability to respond in the face of the Warsaw Pact's superior conventional and chemical forces".

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ACROSS

1 Understood the casket was reserved (8).
5 The rush Victorian ladies used to be in, bringing up the rear! (6).
10 Etienne, exploited by Conan Doyle (9,6).
11 Reduce below par (3,4).
12 Scholar gets mark — a black one — from this (7).
13 Amorphous, having no class (8).
15 Thread left by the Fair One? (5).
18 Sailor on his own can provide this sea food (5).
20 Become more reckless in fog (8).
23 Article by jolly little man to do with heat (7).
25 It's an advantage to bridge opponents to split suit (7).
26 It takes time to train apricots on trellis work (15).
27 Bottom of the sound for this fish (6).
28 Leaves the putting surface at Rye in a frenzy (8).

DOWN

1 Sleeveless coat in the army (Shakespeare) (6).
2 Mountain dog starts to go on rescue mission (9).
3 Rent low — put it up for cafe (3-4).
4 Have power to control sound (5).
6 Vessel unties tangled line (7).
7 Head-dress helps to make Portia radiant (5).
8 Issue daily a blank sheet to start work with (8).
9 Spectacle case was upside down in the cutter (5-3).
14 Clot gives doctor nothing to smile wryly about (8).
16 How long a spinster can expect to keep well? (5-4).
17 Sinister pug (8).
19 Pity about the Carpenter's mate! (7).
21 Mark time in descent (7).
22 Niggardly son, heartless fellow, grabs the money (6).
24 Waste one of the Idylls of the King? (5).
25 Tobacco pipe unsettling the atmosphere in trains (5).

Cryptic crossword, page 14

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MACHICOLATION
a. Fibrositis
b. A kind of stippling
c. Hole for boiling oil

EPENTHESIS
a. Mispronunciation
b. A feast of the Orthodox Church
c. Catatonia

COLOPHON
a. A metre in prosody
b. A publisher's logo
c. Part of the entablature in classical architecture

JIMMIES
a. Dressing for ice cream
b. Agitation
c. Young kangaroos

ULLAGE
a. Rubbish
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,524



WEATHER

It will be mostly cloudy over western England, Wales, western Scotland and Northern Ireland although some bright or sunny intervals are expected. East Anglia and south-east England will start mostly dry with cloud breaks later. Elsewhere it will bright and dry after mist or fog patches have cleared. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: cloud and outbreaks of rain in the west will move south-eastwards.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	14	57	Malaga	s	15	59
Akrotiri	s	23	73	Malta	s	21	70
Algiers	fr	14	57	Melbourne	c	15	59
Amst'dm	c	8	43	Milan	c	9	48
Athens	f	19	66	Montreal*	c	0	32
Bahrain	s	25	77	Moscow	c	1	34
Berlin	s	7	45	Nairobi	f	25	77
Brussels	r	4	39	Naples	f	17	63
Budapest	c	8	46	N Delhi	s	28	82
B Aires*	f	24	75	N York*	f	10	50
Cairo	s	23	73	Paris	r	6	43
Cape Tn	f	20	68	Peking	c	-1	30
Ch'church	r	18	64	Perth	s	27	81
Cologne	c	3	37	Prague	fg	1	34
C'phagn	c	3	37	Reykjvik	r	4	39
Cortu	f	21	70	Rhodes	s	21	70
Faro	s	15	59	Riyadh	s	25	77
Florence	f	12	54	Rome	c	12	54
Frankfurt	c	4	39	Salzburg	s	6	43
Funchal	f	18	64	S F'risco*	s	13	55
Geneva	c	4	39	S Pauto*	c	25	77
Gibraltar	f	15	59	Seoul	c	14	57
Helsinki	c	-5	23	Strasb'rg	c	1	34
Hong K	s	26	79	Sydney	f	25	77
Innsbruck	f	6	43	Tangier	f	14	57
Istanbul	s	19	66	Tel aviv	s	23	73
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tenerife	f	22	72
Jo'burg*	s	26	82	Tokyo	c	12	54
Karachi	s	27	81	Toronto*	r	1	34
L Palmas	c	20	68	Tunis	r	10	50
Lisbon	s	13	55	Venice	f	10	50
Locarno	c	8	46	Vienna	f	8	46
Lngeles*	c	18	64	Warsaw	s	11	52
Luxembg	c	0	32	Wash'ton*	f	18	64
Madrid	s	8	46	Zurich	c	3	37

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.43	6.4	6.25	6.5
Aberdeen	5.56	3.8	5.54	3.9
Avonmouth	11.30	11.2	mdnt	10.9
Belfast	3.14	3.2	3.28	3.6
Cardiff	11.15	10.4	11.45	10.1
Devonport	9.56	5.0	10.42	4.6
Dover	2.56	6.0	3.34	5.8
Falmouth	9.26	4.8	10.12	4.4
Glasgow	4.41	4.5	4.48	4.8
Harwich	3.28	3.6	4.12	3.7
Holyhead	2.27	4.8	2.48	5.1
Hull	10.34	6.4	10.41	6.5
Ilfracombe	10.13	8.0	10.47	7.5
Leith	7.01	5.0	7.22	5.0
Liverpool	3.12	8.2	3.39	8.4
Lowestoft	1.52	2.4	2.18	2.2
Margate	3.50	4.4	4.35	4.4
Milford Haven	10.34	6.1	11.08	5.7
Newquay	9.30	6.2	10.05	5.8
Oban	10.05	3.4	10.31	3.0
Penzance	9.08	5.1	9.57	4.6
Portland	10.52	1.9	11.43	1.6
Portsmouth	3.40	4.3	3.52	4.1
Shoreham	3.12	5.7	3.36	5.5
Southampton	3.04	4.2	3.17	4.0
Swansea	10.34	8.2	11.05	7.7
Tees	8.12	4.7	8.16	4.8
Wilton-on-Nze	3.22	3.8	4.10	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.
Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.6	.13	6	43	bright
Bridlington	0.1	.11	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	-	.13	7	45	dull
Lowestoft	-	.23	7	45	shower
Folkestone	-	.12	7	45	rain
Hastings	-	.01	7	45	rain
Eastbourne	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Worthing	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.7	-	8	46	bright
Bognor R	0.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Southsea	0.4	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Poole	3.6	-	7	45	bright
Swanage	2.0	-	7	45	cloudy
Exmouth	6.6	-	7	45	sunny
Torquay	5.4	-	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	1.3	.04	9	48	shower
Ilfracombe	-	-	8	46	sunny
Minehead	1.2	-	8	46	bright
Morecambe	2.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	8	46	sunny
Carlisle	5.9	-	6	43	sunny
Nottingham	1.0	-	5	41	shower
Anglesey	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Tenby	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Aberdeen	4.0	-	4	39	bright
Aviemore	-	-	1	34	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.4	-	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	0.1	-	2	36	cloudy
Kinloss	0.1	.02	3	37	cloudy
Lerwick	-	-	-5	41	rain
Prestwick	1.4	-	4	39	bright
Stornoway	-	.01	6	43	rain
Tiree	-	.01	7	45	rain
Wick	1.0	-	5	41	bright

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

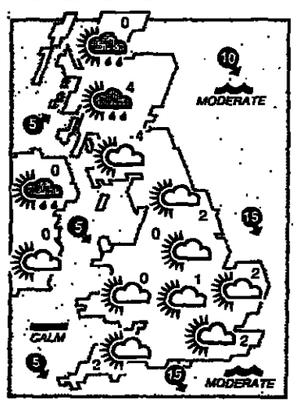
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.65	2.53
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.10	61.90
Canada $	2.43	2.31
Denmark Kr	11.98	11.38
Finland Mrk	7.67	7.27
France Fr	10.49	9.99
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	275	255
Hong Kong $	14.35	13.65
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.11
Italy Lira	2275	2165
Japan Yen	252	240
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.04	11.39
Portugal Esc	253.50	238.50
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.80
Spain Pta	206.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.65
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.87	1.78
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2500

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

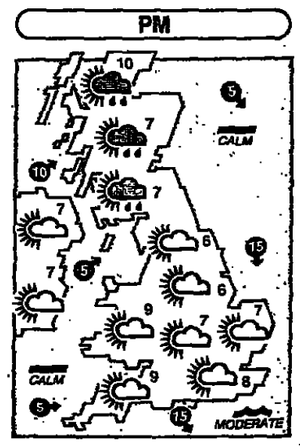
Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The FT Index closed down 2.2 at 1314.4.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.1 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.3 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.29 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 4.38 pm to 7.18 am
Edinburgh 4.19 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.26 am
Penzance 4.56 pm to 7.25 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

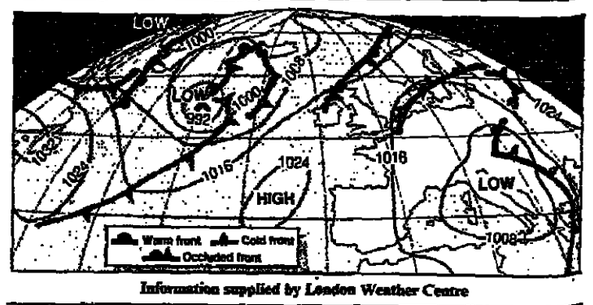
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	c	6	43
B'mingham	c	5	41	Inverness	f	2	36
Blackpool	s	6	43	Jersey	r	7	45
Bristol	c	6	43	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	f	7	45	M'nchstr	s	5	41
Edinburgh	f	3	37	Newcastle	c	4	39
Glasgow	f	1	34	R'nldsway	s	6	43

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Newquay, Cornwall, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 0.69 in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 7 hr.

Sun rises: 7.37 am
Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon rises 1.00 pm
Moon sets 11.00 pm
First quarter tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1314.4 (–2.2)

FT-SE 100
1660.7 (–3.4)

Bargains
17295 (21955)

USM (Datastream)
133.50 (–0.65)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7940 (–0.0015)

W German mark
2.9915 (–0.0025)

Trade-weighted
75.7 (–0.1)

Channel Isles TSB rises 17%

TSB Channel Islands made pretax profits of £6.1 million for the 49 weeks ending October 31, after its year-end changed from November 20. This is a 17 per cent rise adjusted to match last year's result of £5.5 million.

It was the first year of operation as a public company for the Jersey-based subsidiary of TSBGroup. The dividend rises 10 per cent to a total for the year of 5.4p.

MK stake

MK Electric may have found a white knight to fight RTZ's £206 million takeover offer. The Legrand group, one of Europe's largest companies in the electrical products markets, has built a 2.3 per cent stake in MK.

With interest rates on the way down and share markets still jittery, where should investors be putting their money? Tomorrow's *Family Money* gives the answer.

BPB ahead

BPB Industries, Britain's sole manufacturer of plasterboard, lifted pretax profits 31 per cent to £90.9 million in the six months to end-September. The interim dividend rises 33 per cent to 3p, partly to even out interim and final payments. Tempus, page 26

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STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1946.95 (–16.58)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 23282.18 (+62.49)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2179.58 (–4.83)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 214.6 (–2.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1311.7 (+15.2)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1349.2 (–24.4)
Brussels:
General ..... 3829.8 (–14.3)
Paris: CAC ..... 298.6 (–3.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 446.00 (+1.50)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 856.36 (+21.51)
FT.– "500" ..... 919.84 (–0.37)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 330.9 (+3.1)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 95.94 (+0.40)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.80 (same)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Pearson ..... 667p (+41p)
Asda Props. ..... 500p (+25p)
Calor Group ..... 457p (+68p)
MK Elect. ..... 585p (+24p)
Mersey Docks ..... 352p (+27p)
Cable & Wireless ..... 303p (+12p)
FKI Elect. ..... 104p (+12p)
British Vita ..... 372p (+22p)
Syltone ..... 320p (+40p)
Tiphook ..... 285p (+15p)
Standard Chart. ..... 480p (+15p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 667p (+12p)
Samuelson Group ..... 177p (+14p)
Reckitt & Colman ..... 744p (+16p)

FALLS:
Marler ..... 450p (–50p)
British Telecom ..... 213p (–12p)
Henderson Admin. ..... 575p (–25p)
Morgan Grenfell ..... 260p (–10p)
N Brown ..... 695p (–20p)
J Jarvis ..... 650p (–25p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9-8 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/16-8 21/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.69-5.68%*
30-year bonds 98-98 16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7940	£: $1.7923*
£: DM2.9915	$: DM1.6710*
£: SwFr2.4515	$: SwFr1.3715*
£: FFr10.1361	$: FFr5.6662*
£: Yen241.29	$: Yen134.90*
£: Index:75.7	$: Index:95.8
ECU £0.689965	SDR £0.756987

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $477.65 pm-$477.65
close $477.50-478.00 (£266.00-266.50)
New York:
Comex $476.60-477.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm $17.90bbl ($17.90)
* Denotes Wednesday's close

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Telecom rises to £1.12bn

Increase in manning levels causes concern

By Colin Campbell

Rising manning levels at British Telecom – which now has 224,000 staff, up by 900 in six months, and 1,200 more than at the end of September a year ago – are causing widespread concern among investment analysts, who are now increasing their estimate of when BT might be expected to become more labour-efficient.

Announced yesterday, BT's interim results, showing an 11.3 per cent pretax profit increase to £1.12 billion on a turnover up by 7.4 per cent at £4.95 billion, were broadly in line with expectations, and were welcomed. So was the increase in the interim dividend, from 3.35p to 3.75p a share.

However, the shares weakened from 225p to 213p, as analysts expressed their concern about staff levels and the overall impact on costs.

Mr Graeme Odgers, the managing director of BT, said staff levels in the core business had increased by about 400 in the six months. The increase was necessary, he said, because of the need to attack the installation and repairs backlog, to speed up BT's modernization plans, and to help improve the quality of services.

Staff costs rose by 6.3 per cent, to £1.69 billion, in the six months, which included a £15 million provision for employee profit-sharing. BT hopes to provide more for this scheme when full year results are to hand.

"Staff numbers will be broadly maintained at present levels until the installation and repair backlog, including the damage caused by the storm on October 16, has been overcome," Mr Odgers added.

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BT – which has been under public attack for the quality of its services – yesterday admitted that there was still some way to go in improving services, but maintained that progress was being made.

Responding to Cable and Wireless's public criticism this week's concerning installation delays, Mr Odgers said BT had faced "tremendous demand" for services, particularly especially in London and the City, and that there were procedures for dealing with disputes.

"But," he added, "I can assure you that we do not discriminate against anybody."

He said he would welcome competition, should BT lose its payphone monopoly – as long it was fair. It would not be right for a newcomer to have only the prime sites, he said. At the end of September, 85 per cent of payphones were in order, with the target of 90 per cent in sight.

BT disclosed yesterday that it was considering charging for directory inquiries, a service which costs BT £150 million a year to run. Directory inquiries have increased by 150,000 a day, or by 10 per cent, reflecting increased usage by special business organizations wanting hundreds of individual addresses, and by the increasing tendency not to use the directory. "Perhaps it also suggests that Directory Inquiries are efficient," BT added.

Group capital expenditure is estimated to total £2.3 billion this year (£2.1 billion).



Close to a banker at last: Anita Roddick and Robin Leigh-Pemberton yesterday

Company of the Year award for Body Shop

By Our City Staff

The Body Shop cosmetics chain, founded by Mrs Anita Roddick in 1976 on a wing, a prayer and a £4,000 loan from a local garage owner after several bankers shooed her out of their offices, was yesterday named "Company of the Year" in the 1987 Business Enterprise Awards.

Ironically it was Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, who handed Mrs Roddick the award at a charity lunch in London in aid of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, MENCAP.

The accolade is the latest in a stream of plaudits for 44-year-old Mrs Roddick, who in 1985 was named Business Woman of the Year.

She attributes her success to "energy, curiosity and breaking the rules," qualities which have transformed the company she formed 11 years ago with her husband, Gordon, from a tiny shop in Brighton to an empire turning over £17.5 million a year and making annual pretax profits of more than £3 million.

Her energy and her disregard for business conventions have led her on a sled through Lapland to study how moisturisers are made, and to strip off for a group of flat-chested Japanese pearl divers – who were intrigued by the size of her breasts – in return for information about how to care for skin underwater.

Now the Body Shop logo hangs above nearly 300 shops around the world, and the number is growing, with America the next target.

Between the shops and manufacturing a wide range of naturally-based products – which Mrs Roddick calls "cosmetics stripped of hype" – the group has created nearly 3,000 new jobs. Some 98 per cent of its products are made in Britain.

Announcing the results of this year's competition, Sir David Nickson, the president of the Confederation of British Industry, the award's main sponsor, said: "The Body Shop is a remarkable example of successful wealth and job creation backed by a highly developed social conscience."

But while the ride to the top has been successful, it has not been altogether effortless. Mrs Roddick complains: "It's hard to get to the top if you are female in this country. The only way to do it is to run your own company."

Plessey in £30m Ferranti chip buy

By Our City Staff

Plessey, the electronics group, is paying £30 million in cash for the semiconductor operations of Ferranti, its British electronics rival, which dominated the semiconductor field in the late 1970s and early 1980s before a wave of domestic and international competition weakened its grip.

The acquisition makes Plessey the biggest manufacturer in Europe of application specific semiconductors, a sector expected to grow by 67 per cent by the end of the decade. It also lifts the company to ninth in a world league dominated by Japanese giants like Fujitsu and the US LSI Logic.

Sir John Clark, the chairman and chief executive of Plessey, said: "Plessey is the leading company in the British semiconductor industry. We have an oustanding research capability, a record of growth and profitability and a world-class manufacturing base.

"By bringing together the Plessey and Ferranti semiconductor operations, there are unique opportunities to effect cost savings and achieve a level of financial performance which would have been unavailable to us had we continued to operate apart.

"Our target is to reach at least the same levels of profitability in the combined company as we have already achieved in Plessey Semiconductors."

Mr Doug Dunn, the managing director of Plessey Semiconductors, said the acquisition doubled Plessey's annual turnover in semiconductors and made it better equipped to compete with its Japanese and US rivals.

He added: "We will certainly continue to look around the world for further acquisitions to make us even bigger and stronger."

Plessey's semiconductors subsidiary has grown rapidly during the 1980s from an annual turnover of £18 million to one of £64 million.

British Airways on defensive as rivals move in for B-Cal

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways was last night rocked back onto the defensive in its battle to take over British Caledonian.

Air Europe was yesterday given leave to seek a judicial review in the High Court over the findings of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which cleared the way for the BA bid in the first place.

At the same time SAS, the Scandinavian airline, was receiving encouraging support from MPs and Government agencies over its rival bid.

Mr Justice Macpherson gave his "reluctant" approval for Air Europe to seek a judicial review of the MMC decision even though he said he did not "believe in my heart of hearts that this case will succeed."

But it was the gathering support for the SAS bid which most worried British Airways. It sent a submission to the Office of Fair Trading, now investigating the proposed SAS merger, urging the OFT to recommend that it should be referred to the MMC for yet another review.

British Caledonian now has three weeks in which to make up its mind over whether to accept the offer made by BA or to reject it in favour of the SAS. bid. This has still not been formalized. But it is emerging as an exciting and forward looking plan for European aviation.

The idea centres on creating a new "second force" airline capable of taking on the giants, including British Airways. British Caledonian, based at Gatwick, Sussex, would remain in control, although SAS would hold about40 per cent of the shares.They would then reschedule flights to link with each other. A passenger flying, for example, from Copenhagen to Los Angeles would book a through flight via Gatwick with one single code number and effectively one airline.

Such a close relationship would then be spread throughout the network of both carriers with each providing thousands of new passengers for the other.

It has long been a dream of Mr Jan Carlzon, the president of SAS, to have such a large European airline to rival the existing giants and he has for months been trying to woo Sabena of Belgium, Austrian Airlines, Finnair and BCAL to join him.

If Mr Carlzon gets his way he would offer other independent airlines such as Dan Air and Air Europe a stake in the new SAS/BCAL giant with the chance of linking their own scheduled feeder routes into its long haul services.

For the time being the ball is back in the Government's court. SAS, which is prepared to better the BA bid in order to convince wavering BCAL shareholders, will not make its formal proposals until it has at least been given an assurance from the Government that it will not run into legal or political problems.

BCAL will not make any decision until it too knows the Government's views and has seen the SAS formal offer.

Banks join Brazil plan

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays and National Westminster banks yesterday agreed to join the $4.5 billion (£2.5 billion) accord to refinance Brazilian debt as the deadline for initial responses closed.

Both banks had refused to agree to the arrangement, which they believed had been put together purely for the benefit of US banks needing to meet regulatory requirements.

In spite of denials by the Bank of England, many bankers believe it engaged in some discreet arm-twisting to persuade Barclays and NatWest to participate. The Bank has made no secret of its support for the interim financing arrangement.

Their decision to participate is important because it means all four of the big English clearers have now agreed.

The financing agreement is a temporary measure to enable Brazil to resume capital and interest repayments on international bank debt which it suspended early this year.

Redland profit up 35%

By Alexandra Jackson

Redland, the international building products group, increased pretax profits in the six months to September 26 by 35 per cent to £75.3 million, helped by the inclusion of Genstar, the US aggregates business, acquired in October 1986.

Mr Robert Napier, Redland's joint managing director, confirmed that Genstar is on course to make $36 million (£20 million) profit in a full year and expects its to enhance group earnings per share.

Group turnover rose by 31 per cent to £760.9 million. An interim dividend of 5p was declared (4.3p).

Overall, Redland's directors are expecting a "strong second half."

Trading profits from overseas subsidiaries increased from £15.5 million to £31.5 million.

Profits in the domestic market grew from £35.7 million to £44.5 million. The group share of associates' profits fell.

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4,000 jobs to go in Babcock cutbacks

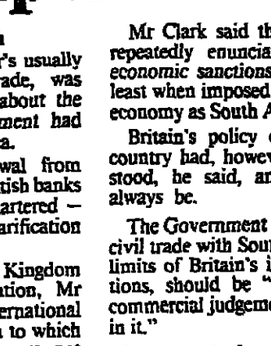
By Joe Joseph

FKI Babcock, formed when FKI Electricals and the Babcock International engineering group merged, is shedding 4,000 jobs, closing down about one-third of Babcock's 60 sites and dismissing a similar proportion of Babcock's senior managers as part of a rationalization programme.

Babcock contributed about £3.5 million to the enlarged group's interim pretax profits of £13.3 million announced yesterday, with Stone, the troubled systems engineering group FKI bought in June, adding £1.5 million.

Mr Tony Gartland, FKI Babcock's chief executive, said: "We did quite a lot of groundwork before going ahead with the merger and there has been nothing we didn't expect. Things have gone very well.

"But it will be another 12 months before we see what FKI Babcock really looks like. By then we will have disposed of what we are going to dispose of. The show's on the road and we are on schedule to meet our targets."



Tony Gartland: on schedule

Lord King of Wartnaby, the former Babcock chairman now heading the expanded group, said: "The aim is to complete all rationalization measures by the end of March 1988, so that the full benefits of the major cost reduction will be felt in the next financial year." The rationalization is aimed at boosting Babcock's profits by about £50 million a year.

Mr Gartland said of the company's priorities: "The first thing is to get the profits and earnings per share right; the second is to get the gearing right; and the third is to give a tremendous kick to organic growth."

He said the group would concentrate more on manufacturing, with much of the contracting business – which accounts for 45 per cent of Babcock's turnover and offers lower margins than manufacturing – taking a back seat and possibly being sold.

He emphasized: "We're not prepared to sell off the contracting business for prices we don't think are appropriate just to fulfil our structured plan. We would only dispose of contracting companies providing we can get what we think is a fair price."

Lord King said the stock market fall had hurt the company's share price more than most, particularly because of the overhang of stock after the underwriting of the rights issue and cash alternative for the Babcock offer.

Turnover climbed from £36.9 million to £203.4 million for the enlarged group in the six months to October 2. Interim profits last time were £4.5 million. Earnings per share rose from 3.55p to 5.33p and shareholders will receive a half-way dividend of 0.6p (0.4p).

FKI Babcock has signed on Inbucon, the management consultant, for more than £1 million to keep track of the rationalization programme. Of the job cuts from Babcock's total staff of 34,000, about 2,500 will be in Britain, 1,200 in the US, and 150 each in South Africa and West Germany.

Babcock's London headquarters in St James's Square will close today and all central functions will shift to FKI's home in Halifax.

Minister underlines government policy backing links

Tying up S African trade knots

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Clark, Mrs Thatcher's usually combative Minister for Trade, was almost apologetic yesterday about the misread signals the Government had sent on trade with South Africa.

After this year's withdrawal from South Africa of two leading British banks – Barclays and Standard Chartered – Whitehall perhaps felt some clarification was needed.

In a speech to the United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association, Mr Clark made clear that international measures against South Africa to which the Government was party were not meant to discourage British companies from trading with South Africa.

The measures, agreed with its Commonwealth and EEC partners, were aimed at showing Pretoria the Government's abhorrence of apartheid.

Mr Clark said the Government had repeatedly enunciated its belief that economic sanctions did not work, not least when imposed against as strong an economy as South Africa's.

Britain's policy on trade with that country had, however, been misunderstood, he said, and would probably always be.

The Government believed the level of civil trade with South Africa, within the limits of Britain's international obligations, should be "determined by the commercial judgement of those engaged in it."

It was not the function of Government to tell companies where they could or could not trade, or order them to sell their investments. Recalling the Chancellor's words, he said: "The business of Government is not the government of business."

In the first nine months of this year, British visible exports to South Africa performed extremely well, Mr Clark noted. Exports were 11 per cent up on the same period last year, giving a surplus of £206 million on bilateral trade. There was also a surplus on invisible trade.

As South Africa became more industrialized, he said: "I hope British companies will continue to be well represented and keep winning business from our competitors."

A Government-inspired exodus of British companies and an end to trade with South Africa would not promote the climate for reform or help either economy. Trade was positive force and the Government, with British companies, wanted to do more to promote the skills and living standards of South Africa's black citizens, Mr Clark said.

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STOCK MARKET

Bid hopes send Birmid soaring 44p

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Hopes of a full bid for **Birmid Qualcast**, whose interests range from Potterton boilers to New World cookers and lawn-mowers, rose sharply yesterday as it emerged that Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement supplier, had bought almost 2 million shares, or 2.6 per cent of the equity.

Birmid, which has become a perennial takeover target, responded to the news with a leap of 44p to 244p, where the entire group is capitalized at about £176 million. Blue Circle appears to have built up its holding during the past few weeks after friendly talks between the two sides broke down.

Blue Circle has already made it clear that it is on the look out for acquisitions. Talk in the market last night suggested that it is now lining up an aggressive bid for Birmid. Blue Circle was unavailable for comment.

In the spring, Hepworth Ceramic tried to arrange a merger with Birmid and even bought a 10.2 per cent stake in the shares. But, in doing so, it contravened trading regulations and was forced to halve the holding by the Takeover Panel. It eventually abandoned the idea and sold the rest of its stake.

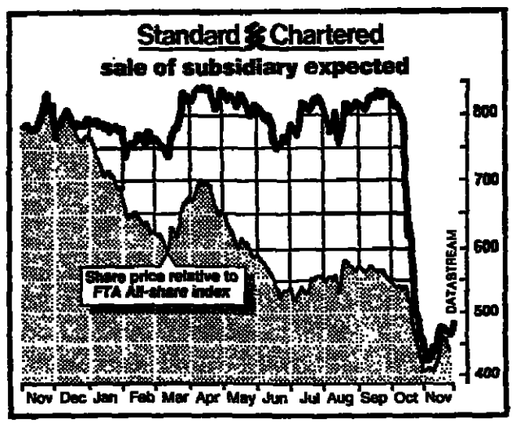
Elsewhere, share prices had to endure the quietest conditions since Big Bang last year as a meagre 17,295 bargains were registered on Seaq. With Wall Street closed for Thanksgiving Day and the proposals for the US budget deficit cuts due to be discussed in Congress, few investors in London were willing to open new positions ahead of the weekend.

The FT-SE 100 index traded within narrow limits throughout the day and finished 3.4 points down at 1,660.7. The narrower FT-30 index also ended 2.2 points lower at 1,314.4.

The Chancellor dampened sentiment by saying he saw no reason for another cut in interest rates at present. As a result, gains of up to £½ among government securities were halved.

● N Brown Group, the mail order and financial services concern controlled by Mr David Alliance, the Coats Viyella chief, lost 20p to 695p ahead of a seminar at Hoare Govett. The group revealed excellent interim results last month and the shares are due to be split into two soon.

Pearson, which publishes the *Financial Times* and has other interests ranging from merchant banking to fine china, remained the focus of attention on revived bid hopes as the price surged 41p to 668p. Mr Rupert Murdoch's The News Corporation is believed to have topped up its holding in the shares this week to 14.9 per cent. Hoare Govett, the broker, which bought Mr Murdoch's original stake in Pearson, was active again in the shares yesterday as at least one large line went through the market. But it is thought Hoare was acting for other clients this time. Almost 1.5 million shares had been traded at the close.



Guinness, the drinks group, was in demand, rising by 5p to 258p on a turnover of 2.6 million shares. The price has been boosted by this week's decision to ask for shareholders' approval to spend £200 million, to buy back up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and drinks group, moved up by 4p to 229p in thin trading.

The company has been on full bid alert since the dawn raid earlier this month by General Cinema, the American soft drinks bottler and cinema owner, which snapped up another 10 per cent of the shares at 220p. This lifted its total holding in Cadbury to 18.2 per cent. Dealers are now hoping that General Cinema will continue adding to its holding, up to the 25 per cent level.

Williams Holdings rose by 7p to 243p, amid talk that the company has now unloaded its near-5 per cent stake in Norcros, the building materials-to-packaging group, of which it failed to win control this year.

Norcros, which was chased higher this week on talk that another predator had picked up Williams Holdings' shares, was unmoved at 349p.

Standard Chartered, the international bank, jumped by 15p to 480p, after 483p, on a modest turnover of half a million shares.

The group recently resumed negotiations in the US to sell Union Bancorp, its successful Californian banking offshoot and dealers now believe that a deal is imminent.

Dai-Ichi Kangyo, one of Japan's largest banks, and Wells Fargo, the US group which bought the troubled Crocker National Bank from Midland last year for $1 billion, have both been tipped as possible buyers of Union Bancorp.

● T&N, the industrial materials group, held at 150p despite a buy recommendation from County NatWest, the broker. Mr Geoff Allum, an analyst, visited the company and was impressed by the rationalization programme. He believes it should benefit profits.

Some estimates, before the crash on world stock markets, claimed that the UB sale could raise £1 billion for Standard Chartered, but these have now been reduced to £800 million or less.

Sentiment has also been boosted by the news that Mr Robert Holmes à Court has sold half his 10 per cent stake in Texaco, the beleaguered US oil group, to Trans World Airlines. This helped to calm fears that he might be forced to liquidate his 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered to meet other commitments.

Freemans, the mail order specialist, rose by 7p to 173p with whispers in the market that a bid is on the way.

The group is now regarded as the last real takeover target in the mail order sector; it became vulnerable when it announced a disappointing set of interim results in September with pretax profits improving only marginally from £15.12 million to £15.19 million. Sales from late May until the end of June were estimated to be about £6 million below forecasts.

Dealers claim that other high street retailers like Sears or Woolworths may be stalking the group, having taken note of the success that a rival company, Next, has made of its acquisition of the Grattan mail order business.

British Vita, the Manchester polymeric products group, attracted speculative support, closing 22p higher at 372p.

A report in Wednesday's market report stated that Allied Colloids had received a bid approach. Allied Colloids states that it has not received any such bid.

TEMPUS

Redland keeps its balance

Keeping up with the various fortunes of Redland's broadly spread business is always a chore, especially when the net effect is another steady set of sound, if unexciting, figures.

If West Germany is on the way up, America will be on the way down, while Australia, quick to turn its economy around, will have staged a recovery, only to see the benefits whisked away by currency movements. This is before examining underlying demand for roof tiles and ready-mixed concrete.

As long as the economies around the world continue to move in complementary cycles, Redland should continue to benefit from its diversified portfolio. But if they choose to emulate world stock markets and move in unison, it may be faced with a very different situation.

At present, however, there appears to be a reasonable equilibrium.

The Maryland aggregates business, Genstar, is estimated to have accounted for about two-fifths of the pretax profits increase.

Underlying trading in Britain remains buoyant, especially in concrete roof tiles and bricks. The much talked about move into the lucrative plasterboard market will not make an impact for several years.

Suffice it to say that for the normally ultra-conservative Redland to embark on a high-profile challenge to a well established monopoly supplier, BPB, reveals an underlying frustration with the remaining growth opportunities within the British Isles.

The oil slump has at last caught up with the Texan subsidiary. Profits were down and will be lower for the full year. Nevertheless the group remains confident that the highway programme is secure.

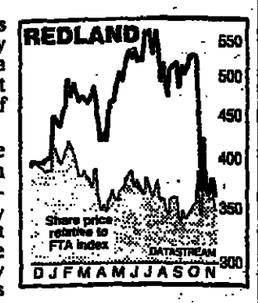
Genstar is on target to make $36 million (£20 million) in the full year and will enhance earnings.

All of Redland's debt is dollar denominated minimizing the currency risk and reducing the interest charge.

WestGermany is holding its own in a dull market while Australia is lower now but shows signs of improving.

For the full year, Redland should report pretax profits of £187 million. On earnings per share of 41.5p, the p-e is 8.7 times.

In a market where the quality of management counts more than it did six weeks ago, Redland's merits are having more of an airing. And longer term there could be some excitement when the plasterboard market is addressed.



Dawson Int

Dawson International's profits were somewhat better than market expectations, but the shares still shed 10p to 189p.

The reasons were the warnings given about the fall of the dollar and the steep increase in raw material costs.

Dawson takes out currency cover on its exports, which account for half of British output, but feels the full effect of the translation of overseas manufacturing profit.

With one-third of its turnover in the United States, the company's first-half profits would have been £600,000 higher had the dollar stayed at last year's levels.

Profits gained an extra £1 million, however, from the inclusion for a full six months of Associated Products, the American shower curtain manufacturer, against only three months in the previous first half.

Loss elimination from the closure of Mackinnon, the fully fashioned knitwear subsidiary, also gave a £400,000 boost to profits. The loss from the disposal of Mackinnon was accounted for in last year's accounts.

Dawson remains committed to a substantial capital expenditure programme, spending £7.9 million in the first half against depreciation of £4.8 million. The full year's expenditure should be much the same as the previous year at £21 million.

The balance sheet also remains strong with the year-end cash pile expected to be an unchanged £24 million.

Analysts are shading back full-year profit estimates to around £53 million, largely on dollar considerations. They have £57 million pencilled in for the following year.

The effects of higher raw material prices, particularly cashmere, are not expected to be felt on profits until the second half of next year.

The prospective p/e at barely 8½ looks very undemanding, even in these sorry markets. The prospective yield, after a 14.3 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 2.4p, is 6 per cent.

Challenge to BPB

Observers of the plasterboard industry must rue the day they dismissed past announcements from the British supremo, BPB Industries, as lacking detail. Compared with the new-style releases, they were a mine of information.

It is surely more than a coincidence that BPB has changed the presentation of its figures, preferring a broad classification — "building product" and "paper and packaging" — to splitting the figures further on a geographic basis.

Flaunting the well-known profitability of plasterboard manufacture has clearly encouraged others to challenge BPB's position. To reveal extra information was seen as playing into the hands of the competition, itself more coy.

Yet, having been the sole domestic manufacturer, BPB is now faced with a threat from two new entrants. The Anglo-Australian group, Redland and CSR, is the more serious as Knauf, the German, may be no more than sabre-rattling, following BPB's move into its market.

All this may presage a greater degree of international competition. Plasterboard is an important building material, the consumption of which is still relatively low. Although the cost of entry remains high, the increasing size of building materials groups reduces the relative expense.

Until the crunch comes, BPB continues to reduce its cost base. The investment in a new plaster mill in Barrow upon Soar, Leicestershire, is expected to have a significant impact. Capital expenditure will amount to at least £150 million in the next five years.

Buoyant trading also helps. Overall volumes were up by approaching 10 per cent, and prices at least matched inflation.

Pretax profits for the year to end-March should touch £190 million. On 8.4 times earnings, the rating is reasonable. But with the threat of new entrants looming, the premium rating is a thing of the past.

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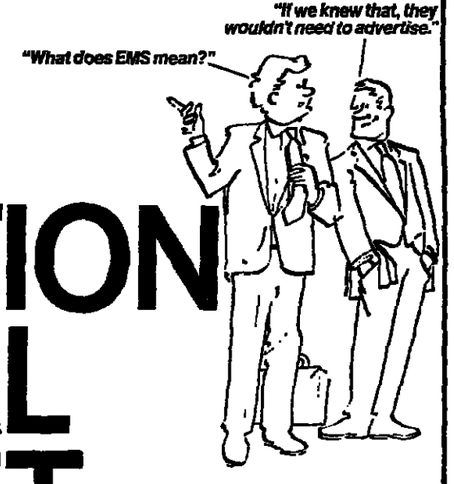
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Abbey	5,445	Coats	715	Land Sec	1,187	Rowntree	233
Abd-Lyons	1,371	CU	395	Laporte	8	Royal Bank	685
Amstrad	422	Cons Gold	537	L&G	198	Royal Ins	1,088
ASDA	2,328	Cookson	62	Lloyds	1,492	Saatchi	1,453
AB Foods	158	Courtaulds	2,019	Lonrho	290	Sainsbury	426
Argyll	1,378	Dalgety	53	Lucas	125	Scot & N	436
BAA	1,573	Dee	2,650	Magnet	2,841	Sears	1,758
BET	874	Dixons	525	M&S	1,591	Sedgwick	243
BTR	375	ECC	137	Maxwell Cm	56	Shell	496
BAT	1,959	Enterprise	71	MEPC	452	Smith & N	643
Barclays	597	Ferrants	2,942	Metal Box	251	STC	775
Bass	112	Fisons	201	Midland	4,198	Stan Chart	513
Beecham	1,046	Gen Acc	18	NatWest	736	Storehse	423
Beazer	95	GEC	2,661	Nerq	330	Sun Allnce	70
BICC	186	Glaxo	783	Nth Food	13	T & N	1,011
Blue Arrow	794	Globe	31	P&O	52	Tarmac	152
Blue Circle	425	Granada	62	Pearl	960	Tate & Lyle	379
BOC	177	Grand Met	910	Pearson	1,569	TSB	1,083
Boots	523	GUS 'A'	414	Pilkington	775	Tesco	1,112
BPB	3,458	GRE	118	Plessey	4,920	Thorn EMI	1,379
Br Aero	996	GKN	376	Prudential	4,850	Trafalgar	5,618
Br Airways	792	Guinness	2,643	Racal	2,345	THF	714
Br Comm	103	Hamm 'A'	28	Rk Hovis	565	Ultramar	386
Br Gas	7,665	Hanson	2,106	Rank	122	Unigate	436
Br Petrol	6,540	Hawker	437	R&C	85	Unilever	1,147
Br Telecm	286	Hawley	956	Redland	792	United Bis	505
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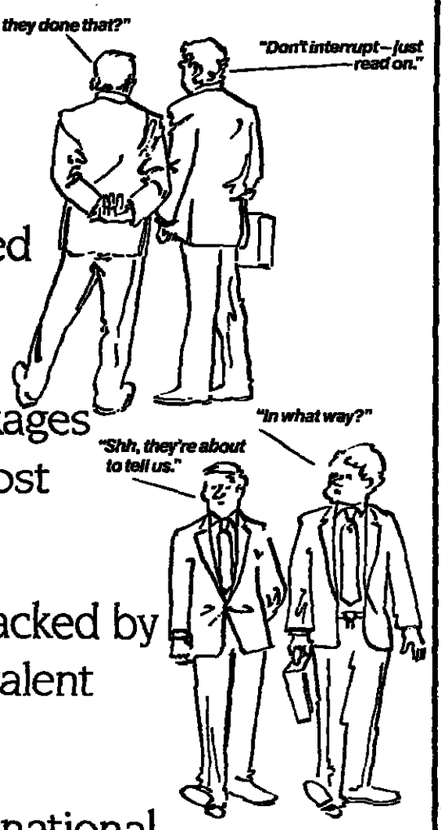




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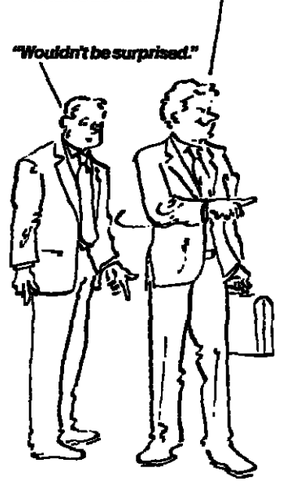
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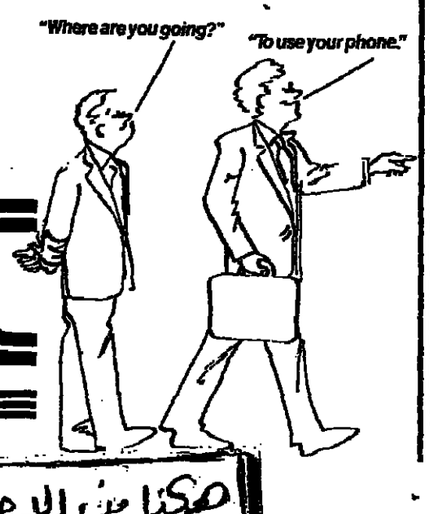
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Pringle knitwear group lifts profit 21% at half time

By Alison Eadie

Dawson International, Scotland's leading textile group and manufacturer of Pringle and Braemar knitwear, lifted pretax profits by 21 per cent to £19.04 million in the half year to end-September. Turnover rose 6 per cent to £176.9 million.

Retailers resumed ordering after being left with high stock levels last year when US visitors stayed away because of the Libyan bombing and Chernobyl disaster. Dawson felt the benefit of the restocking in its raw material processing and hosiery spinning companies where profits rose.

The non-knitwear businesses also saw higher levels of activity and profit, with the leading contributors in Britain being Blackwood Brothers carpet yarn spinning and Dawson Fur Fabrics, and in America, JE Morgan Knitting Mills, which makes thermal clothing and Associated Products, which manufactures shower curtains.

Dawson is the largest manufacturer of thermal underwear in the world and nearly all its output is sold in America. About one-third of its manufacturing turnover is in the US, which led to an adverse £600,000 currency effect on first-half profits because of the decline of the dollar.

The new acquisitions, Cowper and Tordoff and Pennine Fur Fabrics, two Yorkshire companies involved in the manufacture and distribution of fur fabrics, were trading ahead of last year. Their results were not included in first-half profits, but they made about £200,000 in the one month under Dawson.

Dawson is still looking for acquisitions, although there is nothing in the pipeline. Mr Ronald Miller, the chairman, said there were plenty of opportunities in the textile industry.

All companies, including those in the US, are extremely busy, Mr Miller said. He added, however, that the lower value of the dollar and higher raw material costs were bound to have some adverse effect on group trading.

Raw material costs, quoted in dollars, rose by 30 per cent in the first half. The weakening dollar dampened what would have been worse increases in local currency terms.

Cashmere prices are rising sharply because of liberalization of economic policies in China, a leading cashmere producer. Entrepreneurs can now buy from goat farmers instead of the previous centralized buying, which has led to an increase in suppliers and a shortage of cashmere. Dawson is the largest single cashmere buyer in the world.

Mr Miller said there was great underlying strength in the group's companies and he hoped that lack of confidence in world stock markets would not carry over to the consumer sector and depress demand for consumer products.

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Tim Bishop



Ronald Miller, Dawson chairman, with Georgina Salter (left) modelling the £600 Pringle 'Matchplay' cashmere sweater and Sue Lyon, wearing the £250 'Ruffles' cashmere sweater

Labour call for action on steel

By Colin Narbrough

Labour MPs representing Britain's main steelmaking areas yesterday called on the Government to fight for extra production quotas for British steelmakers, or complete freedom from EEC restraints.

The appeal, contained in a detailed reponse on the problem of Europe's surplus steel capacity, followed the unveiling in Brussels on Wednesday of EEC proposals that called for an end to the quota system, that is nearly eight years old, on most steel products by next July and for the rest by 1990.

The Government made no immediate comment on the proposals, but Britain has argued strongly in favour of scrapping quotas, and is unlikely to support the Commission's proposals.

Not only would a return to a free market suit Mrs Thatcher's wider philosophy, it would also give the British Steel Corporation scope for boosting output and preparing itself for flotation.

As the Commission's plan involves funding from the EEC's general budget, it will require unanimous approval by ministers. A single vote against will mean that the present system of quotas will end on December 31.

The response from the Parliamentary Labour Party's steel sub-committee, chaired by Mr Stan Crowther, the MP for Rotherham, said the real threat to British steel-making was that the Government's obsession with privatization could lead a privatized industry to make capacity cuts instead of seeking sales.

The committee said that since 1979, Britain had shed two-thirds of its steelworkers, compared with only an average of one third for the EEC as a whole. Now it was being held back by quotas — a penalty for increased efficiency.

The EEC exercise in cutting back capacity should therefore pose no threat to Britain which has already made its "fair share" of cut-backs.

The MPs said they were not calling for an unlimited market share for BSC and private sector British producers, but wanted a fair market share based on increased sales in line with resurgent demand in Britain. The alternative was a large increase in steel imports.

● Three of West Germany's largest steel makers, Krupp Stahl, Mannesmann and Thyssen said in a joint press release that they are studying ways jointly to lower production costs in the greater Duisburg area.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Great power struggle gathers momentum

As the battle of words and figures over electricity privatization and the need to inject competition intensifies, the financial practicalities are in danger of being lost. The Central Electricity Generating Board, whose headquarters is in the City but whose corporate mind is far away, has scarcely played this card in its attempt to avoid dismemberment.

Mr Christopher Beauman of Morgan Grenfell, however, reminded a seminar organized by the Centre for Policy Studies competition lobby yesterday that City investors might not think highly of a group of five capital-intensive generating companies slugging it out. As he pointed out from experience in the steel industry, that tends to lead to ragged profit and price cycles. Heavy investment and cutthroat competition is followed by informal cartels as all participants try to recover profitability and then build high returns until the cycle starts all over again.

At present the most concrete proposals for combining full-scale competition with quick privatization are those put forward by Allen Sykes in the influential CPS pamphlet *Current Choices*. These involve a complex transition phase during which large private sector companies take management control of quoted area electricity boards, which temporarily own the generating company before breaking it up. It is hard to see investors understanding that, let alone backing it. The area boards offer a swift and simple road to privatizing a safe part of the industry to small investors, which would be lost. And direct "City" control, however temporary, would be hard to market politically.

Cecil Parkinson gave the CPS line his personal nod of approval with an opening statement backing competition and contrasting the modestly effective CPS lobbying with the CEGB's expensive PR efforts. But political constraints on competitive solutions are looming ever larger.

It is evident that the greatest savings could come from lower coal prices. Yet the Energy Secretary is already anxious to demonstrate that he does not see privatization leading to British Coal output being cut in half.

Mrs Thatcher's overriding priority of building nuclear power stations is likely to cause even more problems. There is general agreement that competitive generating companies would not order nuclear power stations. Yet it would be politically disastrous for the nuclear industry if the Government accepted that reactors would only be built by government fiat overriding commercial judgement.

While competition might bring more efficiency, there are some reasons to think it could raise prices to consumer/voters rather than reduce them. After the latest imposed price rise, that is not a prospect Mr Parkinson can live with in his final privatization proposals.

The debate over the industry's future structure should be settling down by now. Instead, it is looking more open than ever.

Painful dilemma for BT

British Telecom is between the devil and the deep blue sea. It is taking a battering from the public which wants a better quality of service. Pressure groups clamour for the scalp of chairman Iain Vallance. Investors, meanwhile, are pushing for better financial performance, especially in the one area which can have a sizeable impact on the bottom line — staff reductions.

The problem for Mr Vallance is that the two objectives are to a large extent incompatible. The greater the resources devoted to improving the service, the less satisfactory will be the immediate gains in earnings per share. It was this assessment which accounted for the lukewarm City response to BT's interim profits statement yesterday.

It would be easy to miscast the City in the role of grasping taskmaster, heedless of the hardships caused by further cuts in BT's workforce, bloated though it is by international standards despite a steady loss of 4,000 to 5,000 jobs annually over the past few years. But when BT effectively abandons staff cuts for a year or two, as it did yesterday, investors must ask where the momentum for earnings growth will come from in the short-term.

The volume of BT's huge business grows at a steady and fairly stable rate that is not easy to shift into a higher gear at short notice. Its prices are in the straight-jacket of a formula related to the rate of retail price inflation. Not much room for manoeuvre here. That leaves costs as the biggest variable.

A number of factors have been working against BT s efforts to contain costs and to continue the streamlining of its workforce. The peak load of the changeover to digital exchanges, the backlog of work from the engineers' strike, the high profile commitment to improving quality and the fact that the business is still growing are just a few

Analysts were trimming their expectations for the full year in the light of all of this

Nevertheless, BT's shares already have most of these elements factored in. They stand at a discount to the market average rating of perhaps 20 per cent and the yield of around 6 per cent appears to take care of most of the risks.

Rothmans reveals £398m cash pile

By Colin Campbell

Rothmans International had net liquid funds of £398.6 million on September 30, £70.3 million up from March 31, Mr Robert Crichton-Brown, executive chairman, says in the interim report.

Pretax profits in the six months ended September rose from £73.8 million to £140 million, on a turnover which, because of discontinued operations, fell from £726 million to £671 million.

In all of the previous financial year, Rothmans's pretax profits totalled £195.5 million.

The higher result, achieved after a £7 million charge for rationalization measures, compared with a £6 million charge previously, reflects improved profitability within tobacco operations

The interim dividend rises from 2.5p to 3p a share, paid from fully diluted earnings up from 9.5p to 20p a share. On the stock market, the shares rose 10p to 397p..

Tobacco interests turned in operating profits of £138.3 million (£77.6 million), and luxury consumer products £31.3 million (£20.5 million).

The changed financial structure of Rothmans International following the conversion of most of the outstanding bonds now sees Rothmans Tobacco (Holdings) with a 33.11 per cent equity stake and 43.02 per cent of the votes; Philip Morris Inc with 29.35 per cent of the equity and 24.99 per cent of the votes; and other shareholders with 37.54 per cent of the equity, and 31.98 per cent of the votes.

Platinum price 'set to fall next year'

By Our City Staff

The average price of platinum looks set to drop to about $510 (£284.28) per ounce next year from $556 this year, as the world surplus continues.

This price forecast is contained in the *Annual Review of the World Platinum Industry 1987*, published yesterday by Shearson Lehman Brothers, the metal traders.

The review, prepared by Miss Rhona O'Connell, Shearson's chief bullion analyst in London, concludes that the market is oversupplied and looks set to stay that way.

The nature of the market's 21 per cent price fall after Black Monday underlines the fact that the summer rally was based on hope rather than demand.

After spending much of the year over the $550 level, platinum has fallen below $470, but should manage to end the year close to $500.

World supply, including newly-mined and recyled scrap, is projected to rise by 10 per cent this year to 105.2 tonnes and add a further 3 per cent next year. While demand is only expected to grow 6.5 per cent this year to 95.1 tonnes, a 6 per cent jump is anticipated in 1988.

The largest source of demand, catalytic cleaners for car exhaust, should show a small decline this year, but rally to 34.4 tonnes next year. Scrap from old autocatalysts surfaced this year for the first time in significant amounts in the US, where such devices have been used for 10 years. The jewellery industry is likely to use 28.5 tonnes this year

BS challenges with three new ship designs

By Our City Staff

British Shipbuilders, the state-owned merchant shipbuilders, yesterday gave a foretaste of three new designs that will fill out the portfolio of vessel types the corporation hopes will help restore its fortunes.

The new designs, which complement three announced in March, are the Contact, a compact container ship, Reeflex, a refrigerated cargo vessel, and Ice Questor, a polar research vessel.

Mr John Lister, the chairman, will head a marketing team that will launch the new designs at an international shipping exhibition in Shanghai next month during an intensive sales drive in the Far East.

Despite the battle for survival by the British yards against the cut-price competition of the South Koreans, he was not pessimistic. He said: "Shipbuilding is coming out of a long depression."

To meet the challenge, BS decided to lay greater emphasis on building high-efficiency vessels whose operating costs more than compensate for any price disadvantage in relation to ships built in the Far East.

BS was now confident that it would receive orders for its new designs by the middle or end of next year. Laid-up tonnage was at a seven-year low, the price gap between secondhand ships and new vessels had narrowed and the economies offered by new designs were considerable, Mr Lister said.

But, he added, new orders would not necessarily mean more jobs at BS yards,

An encouraging factor has been that both the Japanese and West German currencies have appreciated more against the dollar than sterling, heightening the competitiveness of British yards, he noted.

It was also hoped that, as shipbuilding emerges from its worst recession since the Second World War, the South Korean yards would pick up more orders than they had capacity for, allowing demand to spill over to other countries.

BS's closest competitors are currently the Scandinavian and West German shipbuilders.

Mr Fabian King, marketing director, said that the three new vessel types presented in March had aroused considerable interest.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Time to change partners

No fewer than 10 ex-partners in L Messel, the stockbroker now owned by Shearson Lehman, were, I hear, among the 150 London staff sacked by the US securities house in the past two months. Among the more distinguished heads to roll in the pogrom were Mark Cannon Brookes and Jonathan Carr, both members of Messel's managing committee. Shearson decently allowed the unlucky directors time to find other employment. But it is a sign of the City's current paranoia over job security that one legend — denied by Shearson — had the ten directors herded into a windowless room with one telephone between them with which to sort out their respective futures. Coupled with the earlier departure of four directors from Messel's sales department, it means that the broking firm has now lost almost half of the 40-odd partners it had when it was taken over. The most recent sackings have been across the board, with the previously large sales team worst hit and the corporate finance department also suffering its fair share of dismissals

● Friends from America tell me that Senator Joe Biden of Delaware, one of the Democrats' "seven dwarfs" who withdrew from the Presidential race after making speeches in the manner — and, indeed, the phrasing of Neil Kinnock, among others — has plans to write his autobiography. The working title? *Iacocca.*

Success for the doctor

Ronnie Aitken, the company doctor with an impressive record of turning round then selling off companies, looks set to do it again. Having done just that with Barker and Dobson, he yesterday found himself on the receiving end of a £3.5 million tender offer for 51 per cent of his latest fledgling company, the London restaurant and catering chain Bentley's. Worth 17p a share, the offer from Canadian-based Petrogold is at a 6p premium to Bentley's Rule 535-quoted share price. The Bentley's directors yesterday said they were "considering the offer," but City whispers tell me they might well accept. If these things run in threes, could clothing retailer Martin Ford, where Aitken is also chairman, be next?

Bubbling up

With his winter '87 couture collections successfully off the catwalk, and preparations well under way for next year's spring and summer offerings, to be shown in February, Manny Silverman (below), the saviour of Royal dressmaker Norman Hartnell, seems to have put his unhappy departure from Moss Bros — where, after 40 years' loyal service he became chief executive — well and truly behind him. To help him celebrate his well-deserved success, and to help wash away any best-forgotten memories, I am sending him a magnificent magnum of Krug grande cuvée champagne. The house of Hartnell, which counts the Queen Mother among its clients, had losses of £950,000 when Manny rescued it from the receiver in July, and is now firmly on a three-year turn-around path. The wholesale ready-to-wear business has been temporarily suspended, but the couture and ready-to-wear business in the famed Bruton Street salon is continuing with renewed vigour. During the three-day summer couture show, where dresses cost around £2,000 apiece, I am told that the average age of the delighted clientele fell by an estimated 10 years with each showing.



Waves of siren song

Hot from Gainesville, Georgia, the latest newsletter from rock musician-turned-Elliott Wave theorist Robert Prechter, has landed on my desk. With his bearish Wall Street messages of late attributed by some as being a partial cause of the crash of '87, it is interesting to learn that he is now singing a very different tune. Whilst saying that he thinks the Dow could hit a new low within the next three months — "the decline in stocks from the August high should bottom during the next three months" — he goes on to predict that in 1988 equities will undergo "a substantial countertrend rally," peaking, perhaps, in November. "Most time forecasting tools support a bullish case for most of 1988," he says. For bonds and gold, his predictions are less promising. "Bonds are near a short-term peak within a major bear market," he says. "Gold is completing a top formation, and is vulnerable to a persistent decline into 1988." So now you know . . .

Winning ways

Andrew Beeson, a director of McCaughan Dyson CCM, and colleagues who run its smaller companies team, were yesterday handed a double excuse to crack open the champagne. For it was CCM which sponsored Body Shop, the winner of the CBI's Company of the Year award, and of Sock Shop, the runner-up. "It must be quite unusual for the sponsoring broker to get both the one and two slot," says a delighted Beeson.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Frederick Cooper in £1.85m acquisition

Frederick Cooper, the industrial holding group, is buying Brent Group for a maximum £1.85 million. Brent manufactures and distributes socket extension leads, electrical leads, electrical enclosures, instrument cases and tools and production aids used exclusively in the electrical, electronic and sheet metal industries.

Its subsidiaries made combined pretax profits of £366,000 in their last financial years on turnover of £1.58 million compared with £186,000 on a turnover of £1.68 million in the previous year. Brent has cash balances at present of about £600,000, in addition to assets of nearly £500,000.

Buy for CH Industrials

CH Industrials, the industrial holdings company, is buying William Deakin (Birmingham) for a maximum £650,000. Deakin is a specialist metal pressings company whose high-quality heavy pressings work is used mainly in transport-related industries. Its annual turnover is £2 million. Assets being acquired were worth £632,000 at the end of August.

Finance firm advances

Moorgate Mercantile Holdings, the instalment credit finance and leasing group, in which Mr John Gunn's Woodchester, the Irish lessor, holds a near-30 per cent stake, has reported higher interim earnings. Pretax profits for the six months to September 30 were £1.2 million against £0.8 million last year. The interim dividend rises from 0.65p to 0.95p.

Century Oils ahead

Century Oils Group, the specialist manufacturer and distributor of lubricants which raised £11.5 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 195p each in July, is lifting its interim dividend from 1.6p to 1.75p a share after reporting interim pretax profits of £2.85 million compared with £2.51 million.

Interest payments remained high in the first half at £987,000 compared with £921,000, but are expected to fall in the second half because of the benefits from the rights issue money and because savings are being made in working capital. Turnover in the six months ended September 30 was £45.7 million against £44.6 million previously. The board says trading momentum is being maintained The shares were steady on results at 138p.

Harland and Wolff likely to report near £58m loss

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

Harland and Wolff, the state-owned Belfast shipbuilder, is expected to announce a loss of almost £58 million in its 1986-87 annual report to be published soon.

The loss is more than £30 million above the £26.8 million loss recorded in 1985-86 and will require "significant" increases in government assistance to the shipyard next year, Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told the Commons this week.

With 22 per cent of its workforce being paid off between January and September, the costs of redundancies and physical restructuring have swollen the latest loss by more than £25 million.

Several million pounds more have stemmed from late design changes by the Ministry of Defence to a helicopter training ship nearing completion for the Royal Navy and by GEC's failure to deliver on time vital components for BP's £100 million-plus single well oil production ship (Swops). This is claimed to be the most complex civil vessel ever conceived and is designed to exploit otherwise unviable small oilfields beneath the North Sea.

The Belfast company is to lodge claims for compensation worth several millions against the Defence Ministry and GEC in the hope of ameliorating its overall loss.

GEC is blamed by H&W for adding to the cost of building Swops, by being up to nine months late with delivery of its heavy electrical gear. Huge switchboards were to have been delivered in February and March and to have been built into one large structural module which was then to have been assembled into the hull, immediately beneath the superstructure.

When the switchboards were late, the module had to be installed empty to enable construction to proceed and only in recent weeks have they begun arriving in Belfast.

"We are having to shoehorn them in through large temporary openings left in the hull and it has cost an enormous amount of money to build the ship in another way," said a senior H&W executive.

Structural work on the extremely complex ship has gone well but electrical cabling and systems commissioning is months behind and the yard is negotiating with BP for a new delivery date next autumn.

H&W executives are critical of the ability, within GEC, to manage projects horizontally across its many vertically organized subsidiaries, many of which report directly to the chairman, Lord Weinstock, but, seemingly, have little contact with each other. They liken the situation to those which afflicted the electrical giant's tribulations with the now cancelled Nimrod airborne early warning aircraft and, latterly, the long-delayed Foxhunter radar for the RAF's Tornado F3 fighters.

Ministry of Defence design changes during conversion of a German-built container ship to become the Royal Navy's latest aviation training ship the RFA Argus together with other difficulties H&W encountered will lead to its entering service with the RN at least six months late.

The need to strip out large quantities of asbestos insulation and to chip, rather than burn off toxic lead paint when the vessel was gutted for conversion were among the costly problems encountered.

CCA Galleries to acquire publishers for £8.9m

By Our City Staff

CCA Galleries, the USM-quoted retailer of prints, paintings and sculptures, is making two purchases for a maximum £8.9 million.

It is buying Henry Ling & Son (London), a publisher of greeting cards, for up to £5.75 million and has an option agreement to acquire Alan Hutchison Publishing Company, a publisher of diaries and address books, for up to £3.15 million.

CCA also announced it made pretax profits in the first half to the end of June of £209,000 on a turnover of £2.4 million. In the comparative first half, it made profits of £223,000 on turnover of £1.99 million. Good growth was seen in all sectors in Britain and in Japan the market has resumed its strong growth pattern.

The proposed acquisitions will more than double the size of the company. The acquisition of Hutchison is conditional on it making pretax profits in the year to the end of December of at least £125,000.

CCA is raising £5.15 million gross by the open offer to shareholders of 4.1 million new shares at 125p each on a one-for-one basis.

The cash will be used to meet the £1.75 million cash consideration in the payment for Ling. It will also provide additional working capital and be put on deposit to meet the deferred payment of up to £2 million for Ling.

Savings spread by inheritance, survey says

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Passing on the homes of post-war owner-occupiers to the next generation could disperse financial savings through the economy more widely. A new paper, produced by economists at Morgan Grenfell, shows that the big rise in home ownership since the Second World War will produce important financial effects over the next few years, as these homes are passed on through inheritance.

Among the main effects could be:

- A wider dispersion of financial wealth in the economy
- Greater demand for financial assets
- Lower prices for housing relative to financial assets
- More borrowing on mortgages
- Increased demand for discretionary savings media, such as unit trusts and single premium life policies, relative to non-discretionary savings like additional voluntary contributions to pension funds.

According to Ms Joanne Curley, who wrote the paper, property inheritance is now running at about £7 billion a year, compared with £3.7 billion — adjusting for inflation — in 1970. By 1990 this will rise to £7.7 billion and to £13 billion by the end of the century.

The effect of passing on the family home is to convert physical assets into financial assets, as inherited homes are sold. It will also increase mortgage lending as the third parties to whom the properties are sold borrow to pay for them.

The prospect of inheriting large property assets may restrain middle-aged workers from adding to their pension commitments, for example through AVCs, such as the Government is trying to promote. Where the inheritors are already owner-occupiers, as the majority of them will be, most of them will realize their inheritance for cash.

Some of the money raised will be spent and some will be saved. The savings are more likely to go into lump sum investments with high accessibility — such as building society accounts, unit trusts and equities — than into long-term commitments involving steady monthly payments such as pensions.

Housing inheritance could thus be an important route through which home ownership is extended to share ownership.

While the beneficiaries are accumulating financial assets, those to whom they sell their homes will be taking on financial liabilities in the form of mortgages.

Holograph firm to raise £8.2m

By Alison Eadie

Applied Holographics, the world leader in the three-dimensional science of holography, yesterday announced a one-for-four rights issue at 300p a share to raise £8.2 million net of expenses.

Mr Ossie Boxall, chairman and chief executive, said that opportunities were arising for joint ventures abroad and the company had to act now, regardless of the stock market crash. There is already more than £2 million cash in the bank.

Applied Holographics shares, which are quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, were at a high of 655p earlier this year. They dropped 39p to 344p on news of the rights issue.

The opportunities for joint ventures are in the United States, West Germany, Spain, Japan and South Africa, and could concern the export of both holocopiers and materials. The company will also use the rights issue proceeds to expand its marketing and sales force by about 20 people.

Mr Boxall said holography had had wonderful exposure through the company's large-scale contracts with Nabisco breakfast cereals and Tonka, the American toys group. Most of the new overseas interest in holograms was for promotional purposes, rather than for security holograms such as those found on bank cheque cards, Mr Boxall said.

The department making embossed holograms has done creative design work and initial small orders have been filled for customers in the entertainment, pharmaceutical, toy, consumer durable, packaging and graphics industries.

Mr Boxall said this was a transitional year, from being a development company to a high-volume production company. Last year to the end of March Applied Holographics made a pretax loss of £823,000, and it will probably remain in the red this year because of investment costs at its Tyne and Wear plant and in Switzerland.

BASF rises 0.4% on currency blow

Ludwigshafen (Reuter) — Pretax profits at BASF, the chemicals group, rose only 0.4 per cent to DM2.16 billion (£720 million) in the first nine months of this year because of the mark's rise against the currencies of leading trading partners.

Herr Hans Albers, the management board chairman, said the dollar's decline was "certainly painful to some of our sectors, such as crop protection or dyestuffs."

But he added that BASF was optimistic about the first half of next year and expected pretax profit this year to reach the 1986 level. "If nothing significant happens, BASF will pay a double-digit dividend (on 1987 earnings)," Herr Albers said.

BASF paid a dividend of DM10 on 1986 earnings.

Herr Ronaldo Schmitz, a management board member, said currency changes depressed group pretax profit by DM42 million in the first nine months, after boosting it by DM189 million during the same period last year.

Group pretax profit dropped 5.7 per cent to DM716 million in the third quarter compared with the same period last year, but sales rose 7 per cent to DM10.13 billion.

In the first half of this year, BASF pretax profit rose 3.7 per cent to DM1.44 billion but group sales dropped 6.4 per cent to DM20.04 billion.

BASF has met the challenge of a 17 per cent drop in the dollar, Herr Albers said. Its product range was well balanced and it was less dependent on the dollar than was generally assumed. More than 90 per cent of North American business was produced locally and the ratios were 90 per cent for Brazil and 60 for Japan, he said.

Herr Albers said business activity remained at a high level worldwide, despite a 2.3 per cent decline in sales to DM30.16 billion during the first three quarters of this year.

Business was unsatisfactory in eastern Europe, western Asia and Africa, but demand was strong in western Europe, where BASF has two-thirds of its sales.

BASF's North American subsidiaries boosted sales by 14 per cent to $3.24 billion (£2.45 billion) in the first nine months compared with the same period a year ago.

Herr Albers said pretax profits in North America were likely to rise to about $240 million for the full year from $192 million last year. Sales in North America were likely to rise 14 per cent to $4.4 billion during the whole of this year, he added.

The BASF share price was undervalued, Herr Albers said. The shares had been undervalued in the past and this was even more true after the world stock markets crashed on October 19. The shares fell to DM266 this week from DM329 just before the plunge.

Herr Albers added that new West German DVFA method accounting rules were lowering BASF's earnings per share, almost entirely because of the non-inclusion of pension provisions.

Montedison 'in storm'

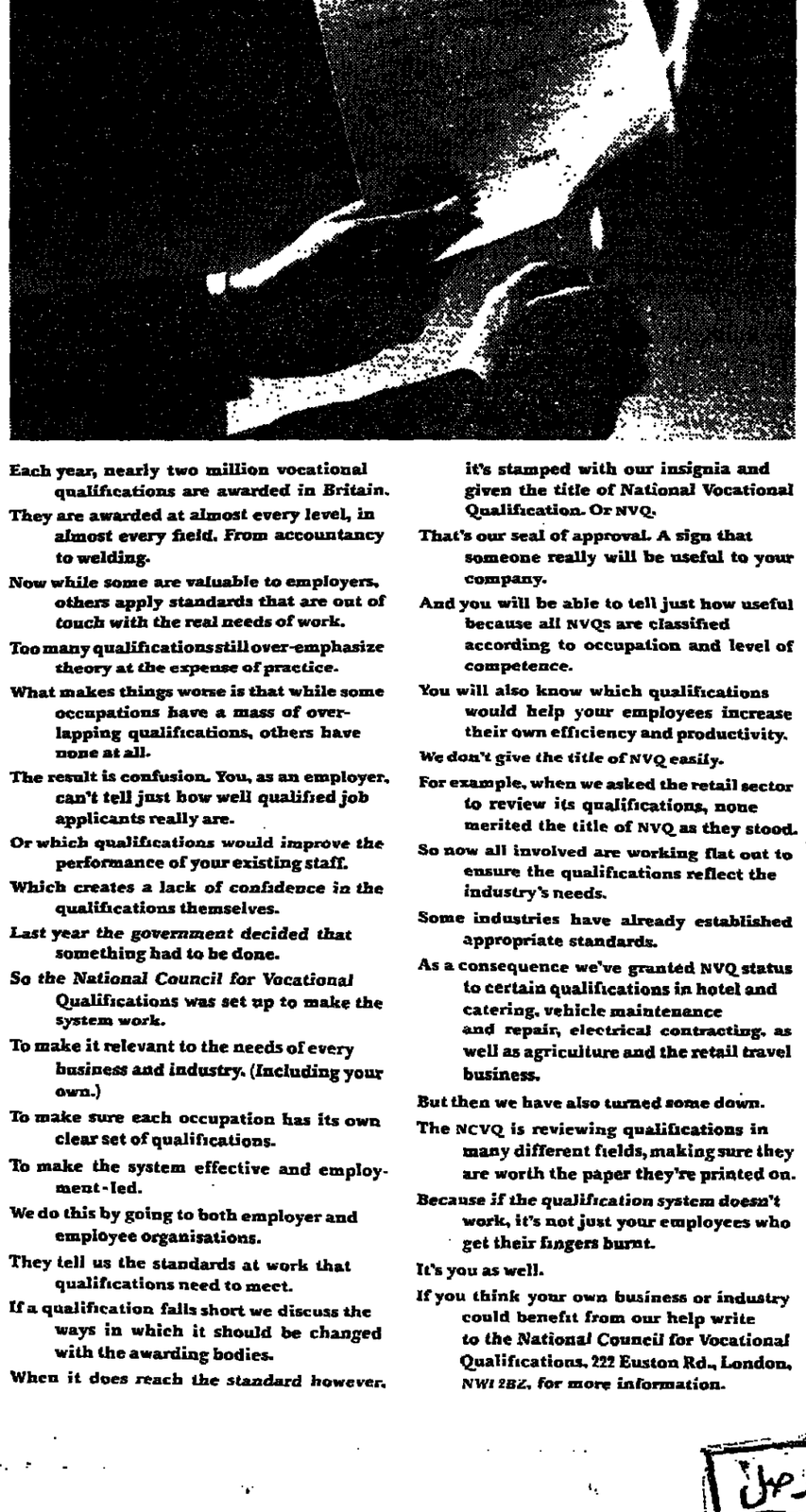
Milan (Reuter) — Montedison Spa, the chemical group, said yesterday that it had no comment to make on Italian press reports that its majority shareholder Signor Raul Gardini, the head of Ferruzzi, the agribusiness company, may seek to oust Signor Mario Schimberni, the president of Montedison.

La Republica, the Rome daily, said Signor Gardini expressed displeasure with Signor Schimberni's management during a stormy meeting of Montedison's executive committee on Tuesday.

La Republica said Signor Gardini had opposed two recent large acquisitions by Montedison, including the purchase of an additional large stake in Himont, the United States polypropylene firm, for about $1.5 billion (£838 million).

In yesterday's trading on the Milan bourse, Montedison fell L30, to L1,535. Ferruzzi Agricola closed at L1,362, up L11.

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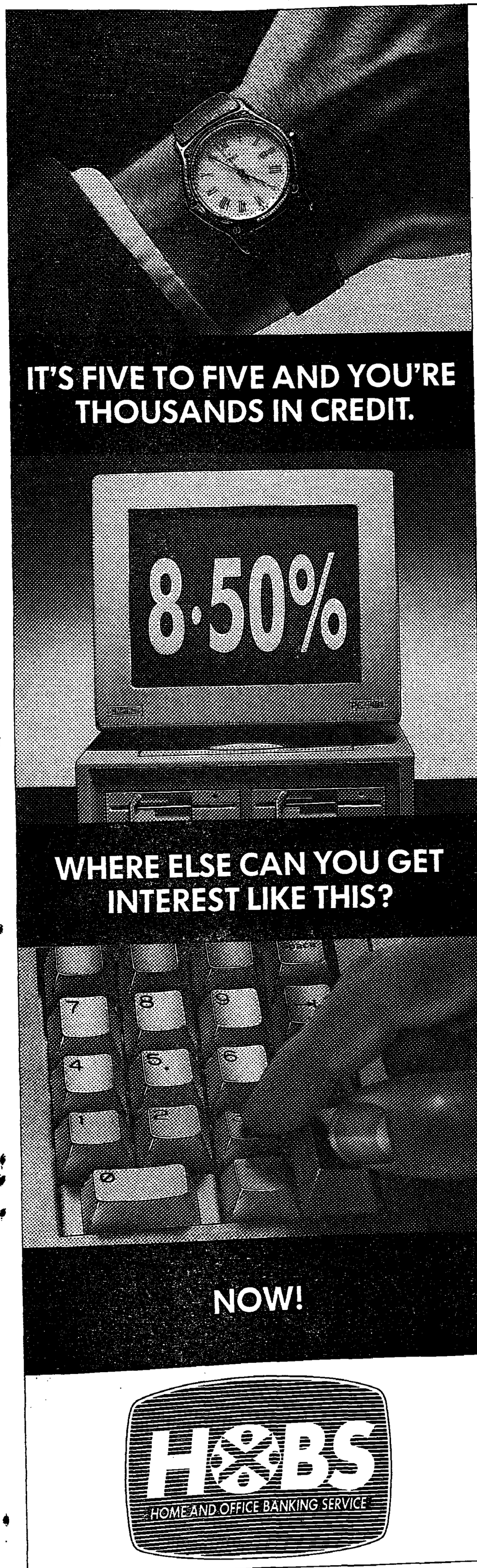
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A STATEMENT BY THE PANEL ON TAKE-OVERS AND MERGERS CONTAINING IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EX-DISTILLERS SHAREHOLDERS.

GUINNESS PLC/ THE DISTILLERS COMPANY PLC

Meetings of the full Panel took place on 25 August and 2 September 1987 concerning one aspect of the take-over of Distillers by Guinness in 1986. Guinness has commenced legal proceedings against the Panel in order to have the decisions made by the Panel at these hearings quashed through the process of judicial review on the basis, Guinness alleges, that the Panel has acted unfairly to Guinness. This will be strongly resisted by the Panel.

Neither of the hearings was concerned with assessing the behaviour of any individuals or organisations from the point of view of censure or other disciplinary action by the Panel.

The purpose of the 25 August hearing was to consider Guinness' argument that, in its view, the September hearing should not take place: the Panel did not accept that argument.

The question which concerned the Panel at the 2 September hearing was whether a purchase of some 10.6 million Distillers shares at 705p per share, on 17 April 1986, was made by a party acting in concert with Guinness for the purposes of the Code; if so, that might have important Code consequences regarding the value of Guinness' offer for Distillers. The Panel determined that the purchaser was acting in concert with Guinness. Consideration of the question of the resulting Code consequences was left over to allow discussions between Guinness and the Panel executive to take place. A meeting of the full Panel to consider the consequences was due to take place on 12 November but was postponed at the request of Guinness, legal proceedings having been commenced on 28 October.

The Panel had agreed to Guinness' request that it should be able to appeal the Panel's decisions made on 25 August and 2 September to the Appeal Committee of the Panel, but considered that any such appeal should be heard following the Panel's outstanding decision on consequences. Accordingly no meeting of the Appeal Committee has yet taken place.

If the Panel's decision on the acting in concert question continues to stand, one possible consequence is that the cash alternative under Guinness' offer for Distillers will be considered by the Panel to have been inadequate. This may mean that certain ex-Distillers shareholders will in due course become entitled to further payments. In that event, it may be necessary for such shareholders to produce evidence of certain transactions in Guinness shares and Distillers shares, in order to establish an entitlement. The Panel is concerned that, given the potential delay in the Panel's processes arising out of the current legal proceedings, persons who may have a future entitlement should not act to their detriment in the meantime.

THE PANEL IS THEREFORE ISSUING THE FOLLOWING ADVICE:-

1. ACCEPTORS OF GUINNESS' CASH ALTERNATIVE SHOULD RETAIN ALL EVIDENCE THEY MAY HAVE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCES.
2. ACCEPTORS OF GUINNESS' BASIC OFFER, WHICH INCLUDED GUINNESS ORDINARY STOCK UNITS, (WHETHER OR NOT THEY ELECTED FOR EXTRA CONVERTIBLE PREFERENCE SHARES OR MORE GUINNESS ORDINARY STOCK UNITS UNDER THE OFFER).
   - SHOULD RETAIN ALL EVIDENCE THEY MAY HAVE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCES;
   - SHOULD RETAIN, IF THEY PURCHASED OR SOLD GUINNESS ORDINARY STOCK UNITS OR DISTILLERS SHARES AFTER 20 APRIL 1986, ALL EVIDENCE OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS AS THEY HAVE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING CONTRACT NOTES;
   - SHOULD ALSO ASK THE STOCKBROKERS, THROUGH WHOM THEY MAY HAVE EFFECTED SUCH TRANSACTIONS, TO RETAIN RELEVANT EVIDENCE THEY MAY HAVE.
3. DISTILLERS SHAREHOLDERS WHO DID NOT ACCEPT GUINNESS' OFFER AND WHO PURCHASED OR SOLD EITHER DISTILLERS SHARES OR GUINNESS ORDINARY STOCK UNITS AFTER 20 APRIL 1986 SHOULD SIMILARLY RETAIN ANY SUCH EVIDENCE AND ADVISE THEIR STOCKBROKERS ACCORDINGLY.

IT IS EMPHASISED THAT THE PANEL'S DECISION ON THE ACTING IN CONCERT QUESTION IS NOW SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCEEDINGS; ALSO, THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PANEL'S DECISION, IF IT STANDS, ARE STILL TO BE DETERMINED.

The Panel is endeavouring to expedite the current legal proceedings to ensure that the relevant matters are resolved at the earliest possible date. In addition, a full explanation of of the background to the current issues and the Panel's approach to them will be published as soon as circumstances permit.

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Only 12% of adults hire cars, poll finds

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The car and van rental market in Britain is projected to grow 9 per cent this year to £440 million, yet a market study published today indicates that only 12 per cent of adults have ever hired a car and only 6 per cent a van. In America more than half the adults have hired a car or van.

According to the study compiled for Budget Rent a Car, the British rental fleet is estimated to be about 130,000 cars and 35,000 vans. The top five operators — Europcar, Avis, Budget, Hertz and Swan National — account for 40 to 45 per cent of the total fleet though there are more than 1,500 rental operators in Britain.

Europcar has an 11 per cent share of the market, while Swan in fifth place accounts for 6 per cent.

The fast turnover of vehicles means that the rental companies buy more than 250,000 cars and vans annually.

The report says that only 26 per cent of people who have hired a vehicle in the last five years have done so more than three times.

The small proportion of users who have hired more than 10 times are largely businessman and account for one third of the total number of rentals.

For businessman, the most important factors determining which company is used are an all-inclusive price package and convenient location. Previous satisfaction and wide selection of vehicles are considered less important.

Almost 40 per cent of all van rental is for moving home, one third for moving large items and only 11 per cent for business.

Brierley shares 'do not reflect group strength'



Balancing act: Ron Brierley, chairman of BIL

Auckland (Reuter) — The share price of Brierley Investments Ltd (BIL) does not appear to reflect the company's underlying strength, Mr Ron Brierley, the chairman, said yesterday.

Mr Brierley told more than 3,500 shareholders at Auckland's Chase Stadium that present market conditions presented the first opportunity in more than 10 years to buy BIL shares at a discount to tangible asset value.

"This may be a fair reflection of prevailing market sentiment, but it certainly doesn't reflect the realizable value of the assets and earnings of the group, let alone any future potential," Mr Brierley said.

BIL shares have an asset backing of NZ$3 a share after real assets of NZ$8(£2.82) and liabilities of NZ$5 a share. The shares closed at NZ$2.34 yesterday.

Mr Brierley said he expected BIL shares to have a theoretical value of well below NZ$2 after the planned one-for-four bonus issue. But he did not expect shares to be available at these levels after the one-for-10 cash issue.

BIL was less likely to embark on new investments because of the share price fall and would reduce its overall debt instead, in view of New Zealand's high interest rates.

But he added BIL had always coped with balancing long-term development with maximum immediate profitability. The fall of share values accelerated as the source of borrowed money, which had fuelled the price spiral over recent years, dried up.

"Also, the diminishing quality of many newer listings in recent years will place these companies under great strain in the present climate and further casualties can be expected to prolong the unsettled conditions," Mr Brierley said.

Shareholders could expect an update on BIL's financial position and earnings outlook as soon as possible next year.

In a lighter vein, Mr Brierley assured one shareholder there was no contradiction between BIL's intention to remain a "value investor" and its investment in Playboy Enterprises of the US.

"It is very good value in what I assure you is purely an accounting and financial sense," he said.

Imry in £75m credit line

By John Bell, City Editor

Imry International, the property investment and development group, has arranged a £75 million medium-term multi-currency facility to refinance short-term debt and to fund further acquisitions.

Imry, formed early this year through a merger of Arbuthnot Properties and Imry Property Holdings, expects about £30 million of the facility, arranged through Barclays Bank and National Westminster Bank, to be used for rolling over existing debt.

The new group also revealed some of its potential, with sharply-improved half-time profits. At the pretax level, they showed a turnaround from a £559,000 loss last year to a profit of £2.84 million. Earnings per share were 7.17p.

In addition, the company reported progress on some of its present developments. Imry has completed the acquisition of most of the Shires Shopping Centre site at Leicester.

Steady progress was being made towards obtaining planning consents for the St George's Hospital site, Hyde Park, allowing the project to start. Property developments under construction include those at Dorking, Eastleigh, Edgware Road, and Herndon, near Dulles Airport, serving Washington DC.

Weather blow for Marston

The poor summer weather resulted in a fall in volume for Marston Thompson, the Burton-on-Trent brewer of Pedigree bitter, for the half year to end-September.

Pretax profits improved to £6.6 million, however, against £5.9 million last year on turnover up from £37.3 million to £37.6 million. The interim dividend payment is up from 0.78p to 0.85p.

Higher profits were achieved largely as a result of the surplus on sale of retail properties in the company's programme of disposing of non-viable public houses. This boosted liquid funds which are being reinvested into more profitable areas of the company's estate.

Sales remain sluggish in the second-half, although sales of Pedigree have continued to increase in the free trade. The board is particularly pleased with the managed house results, which show significantly higher profits where refurbishments have been made and catering facilities provided.

Black box maker rises

By Geoffrey Foster

Penny & Giles International, the black box flight recorder manufacturer, increased its pretax profits from £0.6 million to £0.8 million in the half-year to September 30.

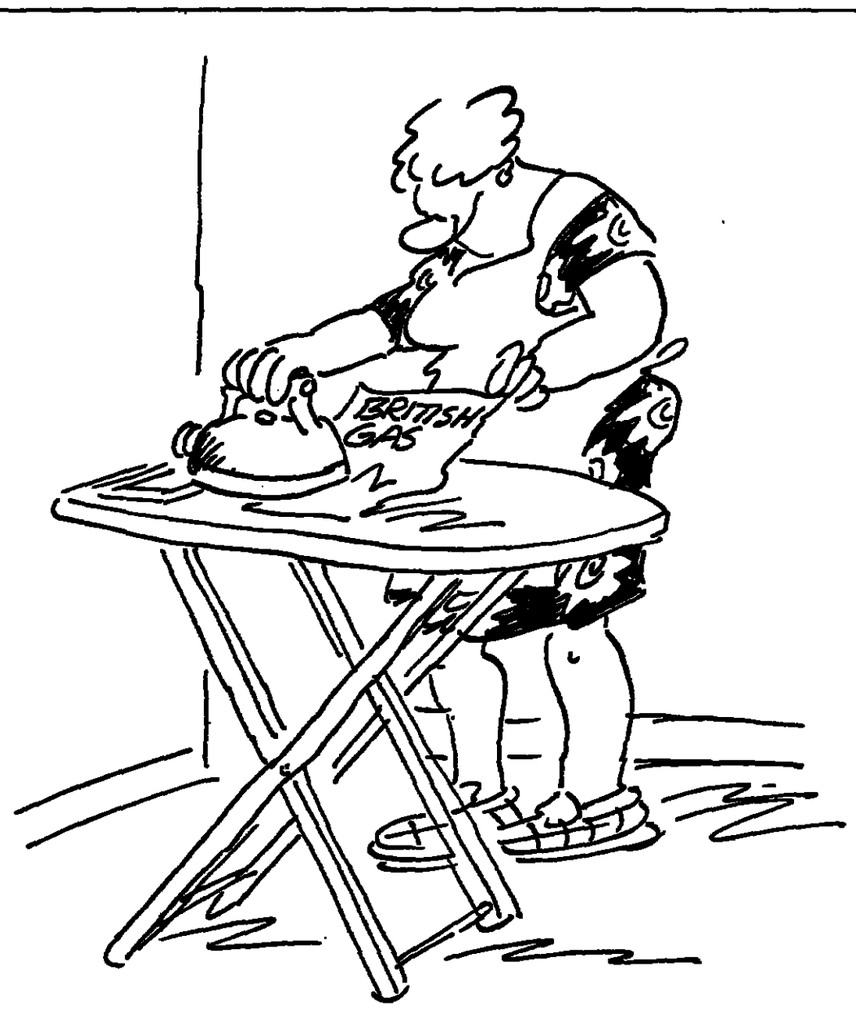
The interim dividend is raised from 0.76p to 0.88p.

The group has four main divisions covering conductive plastics, data recording, potentiometers and transducers.

Present levels of British and export orders lead the directors to believe that the historic pattern of organic growth will continue and they have every confidence in the company's prospects for the foreseeable future.

The factory building project being undertaken at Christchurch is nearing completion with one building already being used and providing a useful facility for the group.

Shares of Penny & Giles softened 2p to 183p on the news, having been as low as 175p at the outset.



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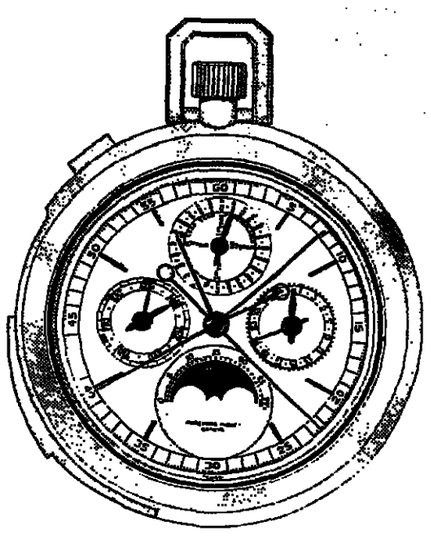
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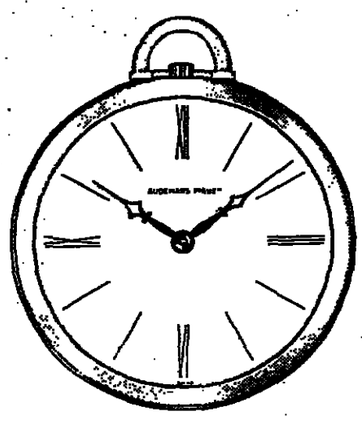
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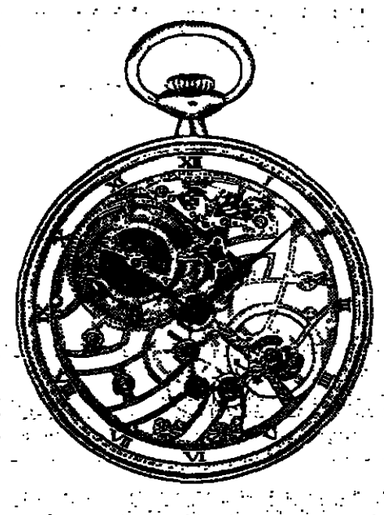
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1934. Audemars Piguet creates the first-ever pocket watch with a skeleton movement, where each and every part was, and still is to day, fashioned, engraved and assembled by hand.

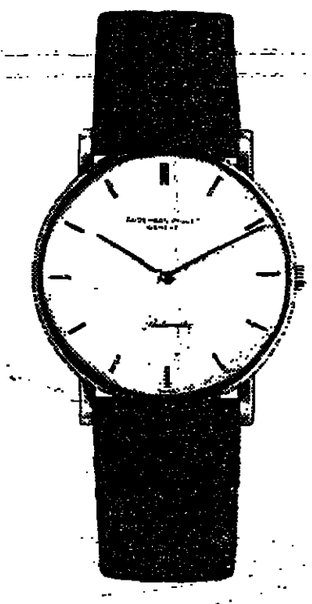


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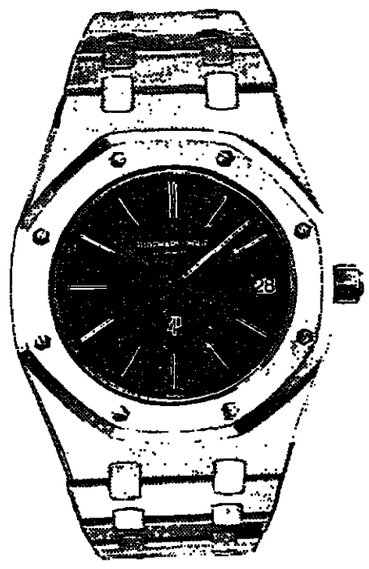
When two of Switzerland's master watch-makers Jules Audemars and Edward Piguet joined forces in 1875, it was the beginning of one of the most famous horological partnerships the world would ever know.

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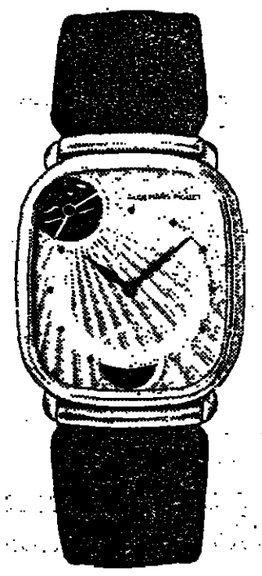
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Singapore hits back in US export row

Singapore (Reuter) — Singapore, one of four Asian countries attacked by America for running excessive trade surpluses with the US, said American companies there accounted for more than half its exports to the US.

"US multi-national corporations in Singapore account for more than 52 per cent of Singapore's total exports to the US," Mr Yeo Seng Teck, chief executive officer of Singapore's Trade Development Board, said.

Mr Yeo said many of the exports were components for use in US industrial products. "These exports are actually complementing, not competing with, US industries."

Singapore's exports to the US were $5.19 billion (£2.89 billion) in January-September this year, against $4.11 billion in the same 1986 period.

Mr David Mulford, the US Assistant Treasury Secretary, last week said Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong had ignored calls to cut back their trade surpluses to ease economic strains.

Total US-Singapore trade for the first nine months of this year stood at $8.84 billion, with a $1.54 billion surplus for Singapore. Last year, two-way trade was $9.87 billion and Singapore's surplus was $1.5 billion.

"As far as we are aware, the trade deficit has not been attributed to overseas investment by US companies," Mr Yeo said. "It is generally recognized that such investments are part of the global strategies of international businesses to maintain competitiveness."

Texaco sale 'clears way to BHP for Holmes à Court'

Sydney (Reuter) — Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources appears to be preparing the way for a takeover bid in Australia after boosting liquidity with the sale of half its stake in Texaco Inc, share analysts said yesterday.

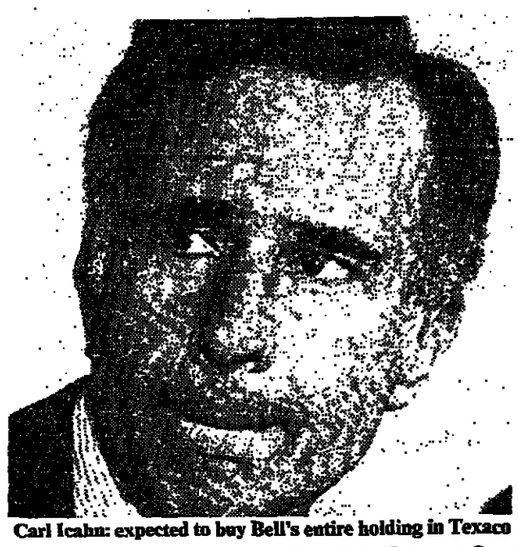
Mr Carl Icahn's Trans World Airlines announced on Wednesday that it was to buy 12 million Texaco shares from Bell at US$29 (£16) each.

TWA has the right of first refusal and a voting proxy over the Bell companies' remaining 12.09 million Texaco shares which analysts expect Mr Holmes à Court to sell to Mr Icahn.

"Mr Holmes à Court is clearing the decks for a further assault on BHP," Mr Ian Story, of the stockbroker BZW Meares, said. He believes Mr Holmes à Court will not be content to sit forever on 29 per cent of Broken Hill Proprietary.

Mr Story said the Bell companies had had to sell assets to convince their bankers to advance further funds for takeover moves.

Mr Tony Moody of AC Goode agreed Bell Resources was gearing up for a takeover in Australia, where values were greater than overseas in view of the steeper share price slump here.



Carl Icahn: expected to buy Bell's entire holding in Texaco

Australian analysts believe Bell Resources in particular needs to make an acquisition that would provide regular cash flow.

Mr Moody said he also believed Mr Holmes à Court would move for full control of BHP at some time.

But not all analysts were so certain. Mr Howard Hawker of JB Were and Son said: "In the end, he (Mr Holmes à Court) generally proves everybody wrong and turns up with something new."

The analysts also believed the market had not seen the end of asset sales by Bell companies — which have totalled about Aus$1 billion (£386 million) in the past two weeks.

Mr Story said the Bell companies could raise another Aus$2 billion through asset sales. Mr Moody said he considered the group's 8.2 per cent stake in Sears would probably be next for disposal.

The stock market welcomed the Texaco sale. Bell Resources shares rose 8 cents to close at Aus$1.76, and shares in the group's flagship, the Bell Group, rose 20 cents to Aus$2.30.

Bell Resources confirmed it raised about Aus$504 million from the sale on which it lost about Aus$92 million before tax and about Aus$62 million after tax and minorities.

The analysts noted these figures implied an average entry price of about US$33 a Texaco share, not the generally accepted figure of about US$37.

The average entry price of the remaining 5 per cent of Texaco would, therefore, exceed US$40 a share, Mr Story said.

Three TSB directors move in at Hill Samuel

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Hill Samuel, the merchant banking group, yesterday announced the resignations of five non-executive directors, who will be replaced by directors from its new parent, the TSB Group.

The outgoing directors are being replaced by three from the TSB: Sir John Read, the chairman, Mr Philip Charlton, managing director, and Mr Donald McCrickard, a director.

Sir Robert Clark, Hill Samuel's chairman, said yesterday: "Together these appointments will give us a fully executive operational board."

The move is in line with several merchant banking groups' decision recently to strengthen their main boards.

Also joining the Hill Samuel Group board are the heads of its five operating subsidiaries. At the same time, Mr David Davies, the group chief executive, is becoming chairman of all subsidiary boards.

Mr Davies, Sir Robert Clark and Mr Dolf Mootham, the finance director, have all been appointed directors of TSB Group.

TSB Group's £777 million offer for Hill Samuel went unconditional last week. It is, however, still negotiating to sell Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroking arm, after talks with a US bank — believed to be Morgan Guarantee — ground to a halt last week.

Unilever sells part of German subsidiary

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Unilever NV, the big Dutch foods and detergents group, is selling 24.9 per cent of its Deutsche Unilever subsidiary to a West German banking consortium for DM700 million (£ 234.11 million).

The companysaid in a statement to the Amsterdam stock exchange that the consortium was led by Deutsche Bank.

Unilever said the deal, involving the sale of preference shares, was aimed at drawing fresh funds to finance growth in existing operations as well as for acquisitions and that it can buy the stock back in five years.

It added that the deal would not influence operations of the group in West Germany and it expected to finalize the transaction in December.

Mr Thomas Thomassen, an analyst with the Dutch merchant bank Pierson, Heldring en Pierson, said Unilever's move reflected the company's tradition of steering away from raising fresh funds through share issues.

He said that Unilever was continuing to look for expansion in its core activities through growth and takeovers and was keen to restore its capital to the level before the takeover of Chesebrough Pond's last December.

Unilever paid $3.1 billion — then worth £2.16 billion — for Chesebrough-Pond's but has since reduced this to less than $1.4 billion by selling parts of it.

"Unilever does not need the money immediately, but the recent takeover cost them a lot of money and this is a good way of bringing in fresh funds," Mr Thomassen said.

COMPANY NEWS

Armada plans share buy-back

Armada Resources, floated just over a month ago in the same week as the market crash — out of the non-gold assets of Australian Consolidated Minerals — proposes to buy back its own shares.

The plan is to offer up to 60 Australian cents a share, compared with a current market price of under 40 cents for the Aus$1 shares.

Mr Ken Fletcher, the managing director, said Armada's directors believe the assets and prospects of the company "warrant a much higher share price than the current market levels which appear to reflect illiquidity in the market and a scarcity of buyers at other than bargain prices."

Figures released in a report to shareholders show that Armada's assets comprise about 62 cents per share of uncommitted cash, plus about 36 cents of mineral and petroleum interests at cost, with values "well supported by fundamentals." The company has no borrowings.

Sweeter Bassett

Bassett Foods is to pay an interim dividend of 2.07p (1.95p) for the 28 weeks to October 16. The dividend is payable on February 2. Results, with figures in £000, include sales of 44,524 (41,219) and profit before tax of 2,116 (1,860). Earnings per share were 11.76p (10.82p). The relaunch of Liquorice Allsorts had proved most encouraging, with improved sales fully justifying the national television advertising campaign, the company said.

Fujitsu interim

Fujitsu of Japan reports net sales of Y932,658 million (£3.86 billion) for the six months to September 30. Pretax income reached Y28,800 million and net income per share was Y5.76.

Mersey Docks

Two of the biggest landlords on Merseyside have announced a deal involving the exchange of 150 acres of dockland on the Liverpool and Birkenhead banks of the river. Under the complex agreement, which has taken two years to negotiate, Mersey Docks and Harbour Company will swop land with the Merseyside Development Corporation. Mersey Docks will sell or lease 115 acres of Birkenhead docks no longer needed for shipping and will purchase from the development corporation 35 acres in Liverpool for future expansion of the port and Liverpool freeport.

Greenwich stake

Greenwich Resources, whose offer for Australia's United Goldfields Corporation closed recently, has won acceptances in respect of 8.48 million ordinary shares (77.7 per cent) of United. Together with the 1.95 million United shares owned before the offer, Greenwich is now entitled to 95.6 per cent of United's issued capital.

Automotive plan

Automotive Products is inviting stockholders to approve a proposal whereby the outstanding £5.058 nominal of the 10.4 per cent debenture stock, 1996-2001, may be repaid at £107.50 cash for each £100 nominal of the stock.

Mawson offers

Mawson Pacific has announced the terms of its takeover offers for Mincoa and Claradeen and said it had lodged statements with the corporate affairs commissions of New South Wales and Western Australia. A merger of the gold-mining activities of Mawson and Mincoa will result in Mawson's annual gold production rising to about 150,000 ounces from a present level of about 64,000 ounces.

Sandvik sales dip

Sales of Sandvik, the Swedish conglomerate, for the nine months to September 30 totalled 9.33 billion kronor (£855 million, against 9.36 billion kronor, with trading profit, before depreciation, at 1.77 billion kronor (1.67 billion kronor). Group sales for the whole of 1987 are expected to reach about 13 billion kronor.

Authority payout

Authority Investments is paying an interim dividend of 2.5p for the half-year to October 31. Pretax profit jumped to £1.37 million (£446,000).

Profits higher

Harrisons Malaysian Plantations' turnover for the six months to September 30 totalled M$251.7 million (£56.5 million) against M$262.9 million. Operating profit rose to M$53.5 million (M$28.1 million) and pretax profit to M$55.9 million (M$30.6 million). The improvement in profit is mainly due to higher prices for palm and rubber products coupled with an increase in palm and kernel production.

Drayton advances

Drayton Consolidated Trust is paying a final dividend of 9p, making 12p (10.75p) for the year to end-August. Net revenue was £5.9 million against £5.4 million last time. Basic earnings per share are 12.16p (10.78p) and the net asset value is 713½p (459p).

Vibroplant ahead

An interim dividend of 4.25p (3.54p) is to be paid by Vibroplant for the six months to September 30. Turnover rose to £17,164,043 from £13,145,948, and group profit to £3,784,683 from £2,641,958. Earnings per share were up to 33.59p from 23.47p. The company expects the full-year figures to show a similar rate of improvement to last year's.

York Trust payout

York Trust Group has announced an interim dividend of 0.45p (nil) for the six months ended September 30, payable on January 18. With figures in £000 and comparisons restated, group income rose to 7,714 (2,662) and pretax profit to 3,254 (819). Earnings per share were 4.24p (1.79p). The company said its aimed to use profits and cash flow from investment banking to develop its other core businesses. It will concentrate on businesses which do not require or place at risk substantial amounts of capital.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allied Lyon... (329)	300	45	60	73	15	22	27
	330	27	38	53	30	40	47
	360	15	27	37	48	55	58
Boots (794)	750	70	97	115	28	45	57
	800	43	70	90	53	68	82
	850	22	47	67	87	100	110
Brit Air (142)	130	22	32	35	10	12	20
	140	15	21	30	12	17	25
	160	9	14	23	24	30	33
Brit Com (325)	300	43	65	75	20	30	45
	330	25	40	55	40	45	60
	360	15	25	40	60	75	80
Brit Gas (130)	120	16	22	26	6	10	15
	130	10	15	22	10	17	20
	140	—	12	15	—	23	25
BP (254)	240	27	37	42	8	16	25
	260	15	25	34	18	28	35
	280	—	18	27	—	40	46
Britoil (197)	200	15	28	35	20	28	40
	220	10	20	30	35	43	53
	240	5	15	25	50	57	67
Cons Gold (835)	700	170	190	220	30	45	55
	750	125	150	180	55	70	90
	800	90	120	150	88	90	110
Courtauld (333)	300	50	69	75	15	22	32
	330	30	53	60	22	35	42
	360	18	38	48	43	55	63
Cons Union (303)	280	42	52	67	12	20	35
	300	32	42	57	20	35	45
	330	17	30	42	38	50	65
C & W (303)	260	55	65	80	10	25	30
	280	30	52	65	24	37	43
	300	25	45	62	23	42	55
	330	15	30	50	50	65	72
GEC (169)	160	29	30	38	7½	13	18
	180	10	17	27	19	25	28
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GKN (272)	240	43	53	60	10	20	25
	260	30	40	50	17	28	33
	280	20	30	40	27	40	45
Grand Met (402)	360	58	68	83	10	22	30
	380	35	47	63	22	36	45
	420	22	35	48	60	55	60
	450	11	22	35	68	80	85
ICI (1019)	950	115	145	175	35	68	85
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Jaguar (298)	280	37	46	56	15	28	33
	300	26	37	49	25	38	43
	330	15	27	38	44	57	60
Land Sec (450)	380	75	90	105	8	15	20
	420	53	67	85	17	25	33
	460	30	50	65	37	47	55
	280	17	30	37	37	45	50
Sainsbury (227)	240	10	22	27	23	28	33
	260	6	14	20	38	40	45
Shell (995)	950	95	125	152	50	90	110
	1000	68	103	120	70	117	135
	1050	45	82	113	100	148	153
Standard (257)	220	50	63	70	10	17	22
	240	37	46	55	20	28	32
	260	25	38	46	27	33	40
	280	17	30	37	37	45	50
Trafalgar (316)	280	48	60	68	12	15	25
	300	32	47	55	23	30	38
	330	16	32	40	37	45	53
TSB (107)	100	15	18	24	6	9	12
	110	11	15	19	10	14	18
	120	8	12	15	18	21	22
Woolworth (274)	260	40	55	70	15	22	35
	280	25	45	55	30	35	45
	300	15	30	40	50	55	65
	330	10	20	25	65	75	85

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	110	12	22	27	11	17	21
	120	6	14	25	17	22	27
Barclays (450)	420	42	67	77	14	28	40
	460	15	32	55	30	45	60
	500	7	17	37	60	75	80
Beecham (444)	360	90	105	120	4	11	18
	390	60	82	100	7	17	30
	420	35	60	82	12	27	40
	460	16	40	60	30	50	62
Boots (228)	220	18	30	38	14	19	23
	240	8	23	30	25	30	37
	260	3	15	20	40	43	50
BTR (281)	240	28	40	47	6	17	23
	260	15	32	37	13	23	34
	280	8	23	32	25	37	45
Blue Circ (337)	300	48	62	70	6	15	25
	330	28	45	52	17	25	35
	360	—	28	37	—	42	53
Dixons (216)	220	15	28	36	17	25	32
	240	5	20	28	33	40	45
	260	2	13	22	48	53	55

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers (975)	1050	40	—	—	100	—	—
	1100	15	—	—	150	—	—
	1200	5	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (1055)	1000	85	150	200	38	85	110
	1050	57	130	175	70	105	135
	1100	38	110	150	105	140	160
	1150	23	85	130	135	170	190
Hanson (130)	110	22	26	31	1½	5	8
	120	14	19	25	3½	9	13
	130	7	14	19	7	14	17
	140	3½	10	15	14	19	25
Lonrho (219)	200	28	37	45	8	17	25
	220	12	27	35	15	27	35
	240	—	20	27	—	40	47
	260	—	12	18	—	57	63
Midland (375)	330	55	70	85	5	15	30
	360	33	52	65	15	35	45
	390	15	35	47	30	45	60
Sears (132)	120	18	26	29	5	8	12
	130	11	20	24	9	14	18
	140	7	14	18	18	20	24
Tesco (164)	140	28	37	42	3	8	12
	160	—	25	32	—	14	20
	183	1	15	—	25	31	—
Thorn EMI (528)	420	120	132	152	4	15	22
	460	87	105	125	12	32	37
	500	50	75	92	32	57	57
	550	22	47	67	45	57	77
THF (196)	180	27	37	43	7	17	25
	200	13	23	33	13	25	35
	220	5	14	20	30	37	45
Unilever (473)	420	70	90	102	6	20	35
	460	34	65	80	20	38	55
	500	15	40	62	45	62	80
Wellcome (373)	330	55	70	85	5	22	35
	360	30	50	70	15	35	45
	390	15	36	55	37	53	63

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA (94)	90	15	20	—	10	13	—
	100	8	13	19	27	30	35
	110	6	13	19	27	30	35
Brit Aero (313)	300	43	53	60	25	38	43
	330	27	38	47	38	53	57
	360	17	28	—	60	73	—
BAT Ind (419)	380	55	68	83	18	31	40
	420	40	47	63	33	48	52
	460	22	32	45	58	72	77
	500	11	22	—	92	100	—
Brit Tele (214)	220	18	27	35	21	28	35
	240	9	20	27	35	45	47
	260	5	13	—	55	60	—
Cadbury (228)	200	40	45	52	8	14	18
	220	27	33	40	15	22	25
	240	16	21	30	25	32	35
Guinness (256)	220	50	60	65	10	17	23
	240	37	45	52	14	23	30
	260	23	32	40	27	35	45
Ladbroke (305)	280	45	57	—	17	23	—
	300	30	45	53	23	35	40
	330	16	30	40	43	50	57
LASMO (228)	200	45	55	60	17	25	33
	220	28	40	50	22	30	37
	240	18	28	40	37	47	55
Pilkington (213)	180	47	60	—	13	20	—
	200	35	45	55	20	27	32
	220	25	35	40	30	35	42
	240	13	25	—	42	47	—
Plessey (136)	130	20	27	35	12	16	20
	140	14	21	28	17	20	25
	150	8	14	20	31	35	42
P & O (498)	420	85	105	—	8	17	25
	460	65	78	100	20	32	45
	500	45	58	78	40	55	65
Prudential (780)	750	90	105	135	40	65	80
	800	60	85	110	60	90	100
	850	40	60	—	95	120	—
Racal (231)	200	43	52	—	12	16	—
	220	30	40	50	17	26	33
	240	20	28	38	30	37	45
RTZ (326)	250	90	105	—	10	20	—
	280	75	90	—	17	30	—
	300	55	70	85	30	50	60
	330	35	50	70	50	70	80
Vaal Reef (113)	100	20	26	30	11	13	16
	110	16	19	22	15	20	27
	120	9½	14	—	22	27	—
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£107)	102 5/16	5⅝	—	—	⅛	—	—
	104 3/16	3⅜	—	—	⅜	—	—
	106 1/16	1⅜	—	—	1⅜	—	—
	108	⅛	—	—	3⅛	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£118)	114	4⅝	5⅞	7½	⅛	1⅝	2⅞
	116	2⅜	4⅛	6⅛	⅝	1⅞	2¾
	118	⅜	3⅛	—	⅜	2⅝	3⅝
	120	1/16	2⅛	4⅝	1⅝	3	4⅜
	122	1/16	1⅜	3⅛	4⅝	5⅛	—

FT-SE INDEX (1661)

Series	Calls Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Puts Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1550	120	165	190	215	1	35	55	80
1600	70	135	160	190	3	47	80	100
1650	34	100	135	155	15	67	100	120
1700	9	70	115	140	40	950	130	150
1750	2½	42	90	120	90	125	160	180
1800	1	32	72	100	140	160	185	210
1850	½	25	57	—	190	195	220	—
1900	½	20	48	—	240	245	260	—

November 26, 1987 Total: 29408 Calls 12636 Puts 6372 FT-SE Calls 333 Puts 775
*Underlying security price.

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IAIN VALLANCE, CHAIRMAN OF BRITISH TELECOM



When Iain Vallance was appointed Chairman of British Telecom in October 1987, he came to the job with a good understanding of the challenges which the company faces.

Today, reporting to shareholders for the first time on the company's results, he explains why British Telecom's financial performance is just one reason for his confidence in the future.

Question: *Are you pleased with British Telecom's financial performance in the first six months of this financial year?*

Iain Vallance: Yes, I am. The year began well and the positive trends have continued.

Compared with the same period last year, telephone call income is up by 8.5%. Looking at that in more detail, the volume of international calls has grown by over 11% and inland UK calls have achieved a growth level of over 8%.

Pre-tax profit for the half-year ended September 30 was £1,120 million, which is an 11.3% increase over last year. And earnings per share were 11.5p – a 13.1% increase over last year.

Taking into account the good financial progress of the first half and the prospects for the full year, the Board has declared an interim dividend of 3.75 pence per ordinary share.

Question: *Why is this strong financial performance so important?*

Iain Vallance: Quite simply, because it's the main thing which enables us to invest on the scale necessary to sustain and develop the potential of our business.

On the one hand, it's essential that we improve the quality and efficiency of our existing services. At the moment we spend over £6 million each day updating our network.

And on the other hand, our strong position in the UK and our growing international operations give us great opportunities to develop new services. As the world moves from paper-based to electronic communications, new possibilities open up all the time – for companies that can afford the substantial levels of investment required.

We can only do this from a position of financial strength.

Question: *You're describing formidable challenges to managers and staff alike. Does British Telecom have the resources to meet them?*

Iain Vallance: In a word, yes. I believe that we have the resources and the determination to meet the challenges we face and to take the new opportunities opening up for us.

As Chairman, I am committed to a strategy of success through quality. We will achieve our objectives only if we listen to what our customers want from us and find a way of satisfying them efficiently, competitively and profitably.

With the full support of my management team and indeed staff throughout British Telecom, I have no doubt that we will succeed. That's why I'm encouraging a greater openness about our objectives: we're publishing specific performance targets now, for example, so that everyone can measure our progress.

I must also say a special word about our staff. They have played a vital part in achieving these good financial results and in the last six months we have seen an encouraging recovery in the quality of our service to customers. The response of the staff to the devastation caused by the storms on October 16 has been magnificent. We have set aside £15 million out of the half year profits for the employee profit sharing scheme.

Second quarter and half year results to 30 September, 1987

	Second Quarter 3 months ended 30 September (unaudited) 1987 £m	1986 £m	Cumulative 6 months ended 30 September (unaudited) 1987 £m	1986 £m
Turnover	2,547	2,362	4,954	4,614
Operating profit	622	569	1,255	1,142
Profit before taxation	559	504	1,120	1,006
Taxation	202	183	406	366
Minority interests	2	(1)	1	(2)
Preference dividend	11	16	22	32
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	344	306	691	610
Interim dividend			225	201
Earnings per ordinary share	5.7p	5.1p	11.5p	10.2p
Interim dividend per ordinary share (net)			3.75p	3.35p

The interim dividend will be paid on February 15, 1988 to shareholders on the register on January 14, 1988.

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FRANKFURT

Recovery from bank results

(Reuter) — West German shares recovered ground after a poor start, but still ended lower as unfavourable results from BASF and two of the big three banks depressed a market where buyers have long been scarce, dealers said.

The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index started lower, at 282.66, after Wednesday's final 286.95.

"The news (from BASF, Dresdner bank and Commerzbank) was badly received at the start, but people later reconsidered and thought it worth buying at the lower prices," one dealer said.

He said news that Krupp, Thyssen and Mannesmann plan to co-operate in the steel sector helped to lift spirits, even if the news was not in itself all that significant.

Dresdner bank's parent partial operating profit fell 15.6 per cent in the first 10 months of 1987 to DM639.3 million (£213.8 million), and Commerzbank's parent partial operating profit fell 14.1 per cent to DM565.6 milllion in the same period.

After opening at DM234, DM3.50 points lower than Wednesday's close, Dresdner ended at DM233.50. Commerzbank, which opened down DM3, managed to recover, ending just 50 pfennigs lower at DM226. Deutsche, whose 10-month results are due next week, shed DM15.50 to DM426.

In chemicals, BASF fell DM7 to 259 at the opening, after saying pre-tax group profits had risen only 0.4 per cent in the first nine months of the year. At the close, however, it had recovered to DM262.80. Bayer closed at DM267.50, down DM2.50 on Wednesday. Hoechst, however, added DM1.50, to DM263.50.

Retailers were mixed. Karstadt rose DM4 to DM472, Horten was unchanged at DM170, Kaufhof shed DM5.50 to DM431 and Asko dropped DM15 to DM600.

WORLD MARKETS ROUND-UP: TOKYO

Fourth advance for prices

(Reuter) — Share prices firmed in modest trade on follow-through buying after advancing in the three previous sessions and in anticipation of the new trading period starting today, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei average rose 62.49 points, or 0.27 per cent, to 23,282.18. On Wednesday, the index rose 363.67 points. Advances led declines five to four in turnover of 650 million shares, against 600 million on Wednesday.

The first section index gained 4.47 points, to 1,902.47, after rising 31.89 points yesterday. The second section index climbed 20.05 points to 2,401.92, after a 23.21 advance yesterday on turnover of 12 million shares, asagainst 10 million.

Bank shares rose. The Long Term Credit Bank of Japan gained Y700 to Y19,500 (£80.70), the Industrial Bank of Japan Y160 to Y3,240, and Mitsui Bank Y100. to Y2,400. Other gainers included insurance, rubber, pharmaceutical, warehouse, mining, service, and some financial stocks. Securities, communications, electrical and airline shares declined.

Brokers said credit and leasing issues firmed on bargain-hunting after recent declines.

Steel and chemical shares rose, partly on expectations that Nomura Securities will recommend them ahead of today's start of trading for December settlement, brokers said. "We are bullish on the steel industry and chemical companies," a Nomura spokesman said.

A broker at another large Japanese brokerage added that the big houses would also push domestic demand-related shares today. Relatively inexpensive and highly liquid, these shares are a haven for many investors, he said.

Brokers' views were mixed as to why the market rose despite losses on Wall Street and in London. Some said European interest rate cuts provided some of the currency stability the market had been seeking, and encouraged speculation that the Group of Seven nations might meet soon.

"It will help market sentiment," said Mr Peter Tasker, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson International. A meeting would give a picture of global economic co-ordination and reassure investors, even if there were few concrete results, he added.

Other brokers said the market was beginning to march to the beat of a different drum.

"Tokyo fund managers see that the fall in New York was American-induced," one broker said. "Why should the market follow New York when the economic fundamentals here are so different?"

Other brokers attributed recent gains to expectations that the market will enjoy its traditional year-end rally. Brokerages, eager to welcome the New Year on a positive note, encouraged investors to put their twice-yearly bonus payments into the market.

"Every year since 1981 the market has picked up in the period from December 1 until the end of the year," a broker said.

Still others said that the market was holding up because of the lack of bad news from abroad. "The falls on Wall Street and in London were not of great enough magnitude to make a significant impact," a broker said.

Other brokers said the low volume reflected market uncertainty and investors' generally pessimistic outlook. One said the market is seeking reassurance that it may not find, at least in the near future.

"At this stage, it is looking for some sort of stability," he said, "some relief that the US budget deficit-cutting package will go through both Houses without a hiccup."

Other brokers said that US leaders have disillusioned the market, and even if a G5 or G7 meeting should convene, no agreement it reaches will please investors.

HONG KONG

Hang Seng drifts down 4.83 points

(Reuter) — Prices closed marginally lower in sluggish trading and an absence of fresh factors to give the market a clear direction, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index ended 4.83 points lower, at 2,179.58, after gaining 14 points in late morning trading. The broader based Hong Kong index also fell 1.89 points, to 1,431.68, and turnover shrank to HK$707 million (£50.7 million) from HK$836 million on Wednesday.

Brokers said the market is expected to remain under pressure ahead of the expiry of the November Hang Seng index futures contract today.

Property shares outperformed other sectors as Sun Hung Kai Properties rose 20 cents to HK$8.70 and New World 20 cents to $HK7.15, but Henderson lost 5 cents to HK$3.75 and Hysan Development 1 cent to $4 cents. Brokers said a government land auction on Friday could help property shares.

Shaw Brothers also outdistanced the market in general, rising 25 cents to HK$3. New Town 1990 warrants climbed 35 cents to 81 cents.

November Hang Seng index futures contracts rose 8 points, to 2,180 and December fell 5 points, to 2,185. About 1,650 lots were traded.

SINGAPORE

'Lack of interest' as shares fall

(Reuter) — After fluctuating narrowly in quiet trading, share prices closed generally lower, as operators continued to stay on the sidelines because of lack of interest, brokers said.

The Straits Times industrial index, calculated by the Overseas Union Bank, lost 4.30 points to 818.45 from Wednesday's close of 822.75. The official index was not available.

Brokers said there was a general reluctance to trade, as the market's direction remained uncertain.

Total turnover fell to 15.3 million shares from Wednesday's 16 million.

Brokers said a rise on the Tokyo stock market had had little impact on trading.

They said the local market's near-term direction will remain uncertain until a clearer picture emerges of the bigger world stock markets, Wall Street in particular.

DBS fell 20 cents to S$8.85 (£2.42). OCBC 15 cents to S$6.85, Singapore Airlines 10 cents to S$9.10.

Other losers included Metro, down 10 cents to S$5.70, Haw Par 7 cents to S$2.92, ICS 5 cents to S$7.05 and Malayan Banking 4 cents to S$4.08.

Among the active stocks, Chuan Hup Holdings lost 1.5 cents to 99.5 cents on a turnover of 655,000 shares, and City Development lost 1 cent to S$2.02 dlrs on 650,000 shares traded.

Hotels, properties and commodities also eased slightly.

WALL STREET

American markets were closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Prices shown are for Wednesday's close.

	Nov 25	Nov 24		Nov 25	Nov 24		Nov 25	Nov 24
AMR Cp	32⅝	32⅝	Firestone	33⅛	33¼	Pepsico	32¼	33½
ASA	50½	49⅛	Fst Chicago	20½	20⅛	Pfizer	49½	50
Aetna Life	46⅛	48⅝	Fst Int Bncp	41⅛	41⅝	Phelps Dod	45⅛	44⅛
Allied Signal	30⅜	31	Fst Penn G	8⅝	8½	Philip Mor	33⅝	33⅜
Allis Chim	1⅜	1⅛	FT Wachvia	33⅛	33	Philip Pet	11⅛	10⅛
Alcoa	48½	48⅜	Ford Motor	74⅛	76⅛	Polaroid	21⅛	22
Amax Inc	19⅛	19⅜	GAF Cp	43	44	Pnmerica	27⅛	27
AMR Hess	23¾	24⅜	GTE Cp	37½	37½	Proct Gble	85⅞	87¼
Am Brands	41⅛	42⅜	Gen Cp	70⅛	69¼	Pub S E G	24⅝	24½
Am Cynmid	38⅛	38⅛	Gn Dynam	45⅛	46⅝	Raytheon	64½	65½
Am Ele Pwr	26	26	Gen Electric	45⅛	45½	Rynlds Metl	48⅛	48⅝
Amexs	24⅛	24⅜	Gen Inst	27⅜	26⅞	Rockwell Int	17⅜	18⅛
Am Home	70⅜	71¼	Gen Mills	45⅝	45⅝	Royal Dutch	107⅝	108⅛
Am Int Grp	63	64	Gen Motors	59¼	59⅛	SFE Sopac	49⅝	51½
Am Stand	35⅜	35	Gen Pub Ut	25⅛	24½	Sara Lee	34⅝	34½
Am Telph	28½	28⅛	Geneseo	3⅛	3⅜	Schlumb	31½	32⅝
Amoco Cp	68	69	Georgia Pac	32⅛	33½	Scott Pap	63¼	63¾
Armco Steel	10⅜	10	Gillette	30⅜	30½	Seagram	54⅝	55
Asarco Inc	28⅝	28⅝	Goodrich	34½	34⅝	Sears Roeb	34½	34⅛
Ashland Oil	54⅛	53⅜	Goodyear	51⅜	51½	Shell Trans	71¼	72
Atl Richfld	70½	72¾	Gould Inc	11⅜	11½	Singer	53	52¾
Avon Prod	23⅛	23⅜	Grace Cp	44⅛	44⅛	Smith Beck	45½	47
Bk Boston	23⅜	22⅞	Grt Atl Pac	33⅛	34⅜	Sony Cp	36⅛	36⅝
Bank NY	27⅝	28	Greyhnd	25⅝	25⅞	Sth Cal Edi	30⅝	31½
Bankamer	8¾	8⅛	Gruman	23⅛	23	SW Bell	35½	36⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	30	30¼	Gulf & West	70⅜	69½	Squibb	62½	63⅜
Baxter	23	23⅛	Heinz	38½	39⅛	Starl Drug	49⅝	49⅝
Beth Steel	15	14⅜	Hercules	45⅝	45½	Stevens JP	28⅜	27½
Boeing	35½	35⅝	Hewlett Pk	50½	52	Sun Comp	51⅛	50⅜
Boise Casc	65¼	64¼	Honeywell	56½	57⅞	TRW Inc	43	43⅞
Borden	46½	46⅜	IC Ind	30⅜	30	Teledyne	288½	290¼
Brist Meyr	41⅞	41	ITT Cp	46½	47⅜	Tenneco	42⅝	42⅞
BP	54⅜	54⅛	INCO	17⅜	17⅞	Texaco	30¼	28½
Brunswick	14⅝	14⅜	Ing Rand Wi	33¼	32⅛	Tex Eastn	24½	24
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	28⅜	29⅛	Texas Inst	43½	44⅜
Burl Nth	57½	57⅜	IBM	117¾	118⅜	Tex Util	29¼	29⅛
CBS	164⅛	164⅞	Int Paper	39⅝	40	Textron	21⅛	22⅛
Cms Engy	13⅜	13¾	Irving Bk	50⅜	50⅞	Travelers	34⅝	35¼
CPC Int	38⅜	39⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	78⅜	79⅜	USG	30⅜	30½
CSX Cp	26¼	26⅝	K Mart	27⅜	28⅜	USX Cp	29½	28⅝
Cmpbell Sp	55⅝	57⅛	Kaisertech	10	10⅜	Unilever Plc	34	34
Can Pacific	15⅝	15	Kerr McGee	34⅛	35	Un Carbide	21⅛	21¼
Caterpillar	61	60	Kimbrly Clrk	52⅝	53⅞	Un Pac Cp	52⅜	54⅛
Centrl SW	30⅛	30⅜	Kraft	49⅛	51⅛	Unisys Cp	32	31½
Champion	33⅛	32⅛	Kroger	25½	25⅝	Utd Brands	42¼	41⅜
Chase Man	25½	25⅜	LTV Cp	2⅜	2½	Utd Tech	34⅜	34⅜
Chem NY	26⅝	27⅛	Litton	74⅛	75⅛	Unocal	26⅝	27⅜
Chevron	38½	39⅝	Lockheed	34⅛	35⅞	Walter Jm	59⅜	59⅞
Chrysler	22⅜	22⅞	Lucky Str	24¼	24½	Warn Lamb	66⅝	68¼
Chicorp	18⅜	18⅝	Man H'nver	26½	27⅜	Wells Far	40⅞	41⅛
Clark Eq	26	25⅝	Manville	2⅝	3	Westg El	46¾	47⅛
Coca Cola	38⅜	39	Mapco	43¼	43½	Weyerhsr	39	39
Colgate	39½	39½	Marine Md	62¼	62½	Whirlpool	25½	26¼
Columb Gas	39	39½	Mt Marrieta	38⅝	39⅝	Woolworth	34⅛	34¼
Cmb'n Eng	26⅝	26¼	Masco	22⅜	22⅞	Xerox Cp	56¼	56½
Cmwlth Edi	28⅝	29	Mcdonalds	44⅜	46⅛	Zenith	15	14⅜
Cons Edis	43	43⅜	McDonnell	59⅝	59½			
Consol Ng	37	37⅝	Mead Cp	30⅜	29¼			
Com Data	24⅛	23⅛	Merck	178⅜	178½			
Corning Gl	50¼	49⅞	Mersta Mng	62⅜	64¼			
Crane	21⅜	21½	Mobil	35¾	37			
Curtiss Wrt	46⅛	46½	Monsanto	73⅜	74			
Data Genl	21¼	21½	Morgan Jp	33⅜	34½			
Deere Co	35	33⅜	Motorola	44⅛	44⅜			
Delta Awl	36⅜	36	NCR	64⅛	64⅛			
Detroit Edi	14⅜	14⅛	NL Indstrs	5⅛	5⅜			
Digital Eq	127⅞	128⅛	Nat Distil	61½	60½			
Disney	56¾	55½	Nat Md Ent	18⅛	18⅜			
Dow Chem	83⅜	82½	Nat Semi	12⅝	12⅝			
Dresser Ind	22	22½	Norfolk Sth	25	24⅞			
Dupont	84⅛	85⅛	NW Bancrp	38	37⅞			
Duke Pwr	44¼	44½	Ocead Petl	25⅝	25⅝			
East Kodak	47⅞	48	Ogden Cp	26	26⅛			
Eaton Cp	75⅝	74	Ohn Cp	38⅝	38¼			
Emerson El	31⅛	31⅜	PPG Ind	34½	35½			
Emery Air	4¼	4¾	Pac Gas El	18	18⅜			
Exxon	39¾	40½	Pan Am	4	3¾			
Farah Inc	7⅞	7⅞	Penney JC	46⅝	46⅝			
Feders	5⅞	6	Pennzoil	73⅛	69¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	24¼	23⅝
Alcan Alum	34⅝	33½
Algoma Sd	14	14¼
Can Pacific	19⅝	19⅜
Cominco	13⅜	12⅝
Con Bathrst	16	16⅛
Hawk S Can	19¼	20
Hud Bay M	18½	18½
Imasco	25¼	26
Imperial Oil	53⅝	54
Int Pipe	41¼	41⅜
Royl Trstco	14¼	13¾
Seagram	72½	72
Shelco 'A'	18⅝	17⅞
Thmsn N 'A'	26	26½
Vanty Cp	2⅞	3
WCT	15⅝	15½
Weston	32	31½

SYDNEY

Foreign buyers go for gold

From Richard Battley

Foreign institutions, deserting their own lacklustre markets, pursued top gold stocks yesterday. Brokers said a gradual improvement in bullion during the week, to its highest level since last month's crash, coupled with firmer base metal prices, buoyed interest throughout the resources sector.

However, the falls in London and on Wall Street tempered demand.

The brokers were encouraged, however, by the December share price index futures, which closed at 1,322, a 10-point premium to the physical market.

The All-Ordinaries index, the key barometer, finished 14.3 points higher, at 1,311.7. A more modest 8-point gain took the All-Industrials to 2,000 points. The All-Resources put on 18 points, to 782. The resumed confidence pushed national turnover to 119 million shares, worth Aus$190 million (£73.4 million). Rises outnumbered falls by four to three.

Analysts believe the three-day consecutive gains augurs well for a limited post-crash recovery. "The recent higher volumes, interest rate cuts in Europe and firmer bullion prices signify a strong return of confidence," said one.

At the head of the favoured gold shares was Western Mining, rising 14 cents to Aus$5.60 on a heavy turnover of 8 million shares. Overseas institutions were said to be the buyers.

APPOINTMENTS

GEC Avionics' new directors

GEC Avionics: Mr JF Fisher has been made marketing director and Mr JE Clover production director.

APV: Mr Christopher Beenham becomes finance director from January 1.

National Association of Waste Disposal Contractors: Mr Keith Bury has been elected chairman.

Higgs and Hill Management Contracting: Mr PR Williams becomes a director.

JH Minet & Co: Mr Anthony Paxton has joined as divisional executive claims director for the Engineers and Contractors, International Non-Marine Facultative and Oilex divisions. Mr Philip Ottey becomes a director, Oil & Gas Offshore division.

Matthew Clark and Sons (Holdings): Mr Colin McKenzie joins the board as group commerical director.



Christopher Beenham: made APV finance director

Fulton Umbrellas and Fulton Luggage: Mr Peter Keen has been made managing director.

Clarke Hooper: Mr Robert Fox becomes a non-executive director.

Norex: Mr Leo Upton has been appointed executive director, strategic planning.

Riggs A P Bank: Mr Robert Woodbridge becomes a director from December 1.

Decimal Technology: Mr Malcolm Smith has been appointed managing director and chief executive.

Racal Automation: Mr Rowan Bradley becomes technical director.

TASA: Mr Thomas Acuff has been appointed a partner.

Bullough: Mr Robert Steel has joined the board as deputy managing director.

Merrett Holdings: Mr Andrew Alers-Hankey becomes finance director.

Geevor Tin Mines: Mr Nicholas Hall joins the board as finance director.

ECS Energy Conservation Systems: Mr John Spiers has been appointed managing director.

Ivory & Sime: Mr Richard Carswell becomes a director and managing director of Ivory & Sime Financial Services. Ms Bridget Cleverly, Mr Alex Hammond-Chambers and Mr David Ross become directors, Ivory & Sime Financial Services.

Heseltine Moss & Co: Mr David Moore becomes finance and operations director.

F Bolton Group: Mr RH Bird and Mr TGH Thomas have joined the board.

Royds McCann Manchester: Mr Bill Petite, Mr Mike Kelly, Mr Tom Hackett, Mr Neil Calvert and Mr Mike Gannon have joined the board.

Mirrlees Blackstone (Stamford): Mr Roy Kington has been appointed managing director, succeeding Mr Les Berry.

Hinton Hill International: Mr Roger Mills becomes chairman and Mr Geoffrey Peters managing director. Mr David Arnold, Mr Michael Forrest, Mr William Moody, Mr Basil Payne and Mr David Wightman become directors.

Morgan Moore Engineering: Mr Alan Moore becomes chairman and director. Mr Fred Edwards, Mr Trevor Eden, Mr Gordon Joice become directors and Mr Brian Finlayson a non-executive director. Mr Robin Davison has joined the company to carry out the responsibilities of sales and marketing.

Terra Nova Insurance: Mr Philip Wroughton is now a director.

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain: Mr Peter Davidson joins the board as finance director. Mr John Uzielli and Mr Howard Davies also join the board.

Isaac Agnew (Holdings): Mr John Tinker becomes a non-executive director.

Case IH: Mr James Ashford becomes president and chief executive from December 1.

Business in the Community: Sir Hector Laing becomes chairman.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Banner Homes (105p)	75 +2
Brit Pet P/P	80½ –½
Butte Mining (100p)	100
Chartsearch	28½ +1
Co of Designers (100p)	111 +1
Dolphin Packg (106p)	113 –2
Explaura	23½ +½
Fairway Ldn	78
Gaelic Res	4½ –1
Hard Rock Cafe	140 +5
Do 'A'	105
ISA Intl (80p)	95
Knobs Knockers	85
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	132 +2
Marcol Group	66
Mayne Nickless	175
Power Corp	71
Record (88p)	65 –1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	111 +1
Rural Plan	88
Sec Archives	150
Shaftsbury (180p)	113 –2
Stanhope Props (250p)	142
Sykes-Pickavant	118 +2
Tomorrows Leisure	36
Tubular Exhib	22
URS Intl	58
USDC Inv	118 +2
Wilshaw Secs	25 +1
Zetters Leis	130

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cityvision N/P	¼
Eagle Trust N/P	¾
Feedex N/P	1¾ –1¼
Securiguard N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	190	220	nc
56	18	Aber Am Pet	22	25	nc
150	110	Allied Ins	139	139	nc
315	36	Amercoeur	33	38	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	63	68	+1
285	116	Broadcast	150	170	nc
192	67	Camotech	70	80	nc
103	45	Catalyst	63	67	nc
203	133	Chelsea Art	150	165	nc
110	40	Chemex Intl	45	55	+5
159	100	Comac	95	105	nc
151	90	Corton Bch	83	68	+1
228	135	Crown Eye	160	170	nc
188	85	Far E Res	112	122	+12
110	62	Gardner (J)	57	67	–3
53	20	Honorbilt	22	25	–1
73	41	Kemp (PE)	40	45	nc
181	56	Leading Lsr	62	67	+3
95	60	Lynx Tech	70	80	nc
180	88	Medirace	93	103	–1
60	15	Pub Hldgs	30	35	–2
128	82	Seacon	77	87	nc
87	35	Thame Hldgs	40	50	nc
715	133	UPL	130	140	–2
140	103	Und Group	114	124	nc

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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EARNINGS PER SHARE	33.59p	UP 43%*

*(Adjusted to reflect bonus issue)

Chairman Mr Jeremy Pilkington tells shareholders:

"In the UK earnings are ahead by some 40% with both our general plant and specialist divisions benefiting from strong demand in all major sectors of the construction industry.

The performance of our US companies has been very satisfactory and American Aerial Lift, our new acquisition in South Florida, has moved strongly into profit in its first full six months of trade.

Trading conditions since September have continued to be very strong and I anticipate being able to report full year's figures which will reflect a similar rate of improvement to that made last year."

The Board has declared an interim of 4.25p nett on enlarged capital in accordance with commitment made in the Annual Report.

*as compared with the six months to 30th September 1986.

Copies of the full interim statement can be obtained from the Secretary.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares edge lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end December 4. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (ea) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

Portfolio Gold

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Connells	Property	
2	Bentson Clark	Industrials A-D	
3	Unilever (ea)	Industrials S-Z	
4	Magnet (ea)	Building,Roads	
5	Bramall (CD)	Motors,Aircraft	
6	Sindall Perkins	Building,Roads	
7	Ferranti (ea)	Electricals	
8	Dubitler	Electricals	
9	Premier	Oil,Gas	
10	Kwik Save	Foods	
11	Allied-Lyons (ea)	Breweries	
12	Jerome (S)	Textiles	
13	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
14	Optical & Med	Industrials L-R	
15	Elco	Industrials E-K	
16	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery,Stores	
17	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
18	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Textured Jersey	Textiles	
20	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Reed Int (ea)	Industrials L-R	
23	TelRos	Industrials S-Z	
24	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
25	Cray Elect	Electricals	
26	Enterprise (ea)	Oil,Gas	
27	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
28	Illingworth	Textiles	
29	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
30	Cookson (ea)	Industrials A-D	
31	Grand Met (ea)	Hotels, Caterers	
32	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
33	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
35	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
36	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
37	Hawley (ea)	Industrials E-K	
38	Cadbury-Schwp (ea)	Foods	
39	Trafalgar Hse (ea)	Industrials S-Z	
40	TV-AM	Cinemas, TV	
41	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
42	Bass (ea)	Breweries	
43	GKN (ea)	Industrials E-K	
44	TSB (ea)	Banks,Discount	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in tomorrow's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	388	Allied-Lyons (ea)	388	394	+4	15.6	4.7	6.8
10½	7½	Bass (ea)	788	796		24.1	3.0	14.5
77	35	Belhaven	50	60		1.0	1.7	15.2
233	224	Bushmgton	224	230		5.1	2.2	21.3
327	237	Cannon (Matthew)	615	625		19.2b	3.1	21.9
131	97	Distillers	410	415		14.0	3.4	12.3
146	120	Eldridge Pope 'A'	120	130		4.0	3.1	10.9
195	146	Glenmorangie Distl	146	150		4.0	2.7	15.0
465	375	Greene King	375	385		12.5	3.2	12.6
159	113	Gunness (Ed)	113	118		3.0	2.5	22.7
136	105	Highland Distl	105	110		3.0	2.7	8.8
472	365	Invergordon Distl	365	370		10.0	2.7	8.8
155	120	Irish Distl	120	125		3.0	2.4	22.7
124	113	Marston Thompson	113	118		3.0	2.5	22.7
136	105	Morland	105	110		3.0	2.7	22.7
472	365	SA Breweries	365	370		10.0	2.7	11.7
472	365	Scott & New (ea)	365	370		10.0	2.7	11.7
268	205	Vaux & Hansons	205	210	+1	5.5	2.6	12.7
1½	1	Whitbread 'A' (ea)	1	1½				
1½	1	Do 'B'	1	1½				
1½	1	Wholesal Inv	1	1½				
477	377	Wolverhmpton & D	377	385	-1	12.5	3.2	12.7
477	274	Young 'A'	274	278		7.5	2.7	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
146	119	Abbey	136	138		14	10.1	15.9
156	130	Aberdeen Constr	150	152		14	9.2	7.8
188	138	Amec	141	143		14	9.8	7.8
41	28	Anglo Utd	41	43		2.5	5.8	22.0
138	98	Arnolds	98	100		3.5	3.5	14.3
97	77	Ashtenne	77	79		3.0	3.8	11.0
77	58	BPB Ind (ea)	58	60		2.0	3.3	9.8
230	180	Baggeridge Brick	180	185		6.0	3.2	14.3
131	97	Barratt (Edwin) Comm	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.3
131	97	Barratt Devs	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
76	58	Bellway	58	60		2.0	3.3	7.7
76	58	Bellwood	58	60		2.0	3.3	7.7
134	97	Berkeley Gp	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
220	170	Bett Bros	170	175		6.0	3.4	11.0
152	111	Blackburn	111	114		4.0	3.5	8.3
192	162	Blue Circle (ea)	162			8.5	5.2	9.8
152	111	Bovis	111	114		4.0	3.5	8.3
134	97	Bovis Pref	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
134	97	Bowater	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
134	97	Bowater Inc	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
134	97	Brickhouse Duff	97	100		3.5	3.5	8.4
134	97	Brickhouse Duff Cnv

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	115.8	124.5e	-0.5	9.84
Hi Inc Equity	106.8	114.2e	-0.5	4.62
Worldwide Gth	184.8	197.8e	-0.3	4.90
American Gth	121.6	130.0	+0.5	1.79
Asian Pacific	59.4	57.1c	+0.6	1.72
Assets & Earns	126.2	133.8e	-0.4	1.76
Capital Res	78.4	77.0	+0.1	1.31
Comm Energy	91.8	98.1	+2.1	
Euro Capital	64.2	68.6	+1.8	1.09
General	132.6	141.8	+1.0	3.17
Japan	76.4	81.7	+1.0	
UK Gth Inc	118.4	124.4e	+0.5	1.82
Do Acc	169.7	181.4e	+0.7	1.25
US Emerg Co	34.5	37.0e		0.00
Income Gth	211.6	226.3e	-1.5	3.41
Master Acc	65.0	69.5	+0.8	4.27
American Inc	38.5	41.1	+0.3	6.37
Ethical Tst	36.6	39.1	-0.3	3.20

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Euro Gth Acc	100.5	107.0	+0.2	1.19
Exempt	332.8	354.8e	-0.2	5.37
Far Eastern	171.8	183.0	+1.2	0.10
Fin & Prop	72.7	77.0	+0.6	2.82
Hi Yield	54.8	58.8e		5.47
Income & Gth	268.3	284.2c	+0.7	5.01
Int Earnings	161.6	171.2	+0.8	3.19
Int Growth	94.1	99.7	+0.2	0.20
Japan Gth Acc	128.2	136.7	+1.0	0.29
N Amer Gth Inc	108.0	115.5	-0.9	2.63
Preference Inc	122.7	130.0e	+0.1	9.64
Smlr Co Gth Inc	93.4	99.0	+0.1	4.49
Smlr Co Gth	258.8	297.8	+0.9	1.79
Spec Sits Inc	117.5	124.5e	+0.3	1.62
UK Growth	332.4	352.1e	+2.6	3.64

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High Income	269.5	285.7	..	5.06
Equity Inc	154.3	163.6	+0.4	4.58
High Yield	157.4	166.9	+0.5	5.57
Balanced	377.4	400.0c	+1.0	3.41
Amer Inc	25.4	27.1	-0.2	4.66
World Ass Val	93.3	99.7	..	1.01
Japan	119.6	127.7	+0.5	0.01
Sec of Amer	169.7	180.7e	-1.1	0.77
Asset Value	252.9	268.1e	+1.3	3.83
O'seas Earn	185.9	197.1	+0.6	3.80
Recovery	197.5	209.3e	+0.5	4.57
UK Spec Sit	234.1	248.1	+0.7	2.76
Smlr Co	152.5	161.7	+0.5	2.04
Capital	220.4	233.6e	+0.5	3.32
Amer Spec Sit	511.2	541.9	-0.2	1.56
International	84.0	89.5	-0.2	1.57
Growth & Inc	136.2	144.4e	+0.4	3.88
Euro Gth	117.5	124.6		0.84
Pacific	185.1	196.2e	+0.3	0.51
2nd Smlr Co	187.8	199.8	+1.3	2.19

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American	36.8	39.3	-0.3	2.32
Australian	15.9	17.0		2.03
Japan & Gen	148.1	149.1	+0.2	0.03
High Income	48.4	51.5c		5.63
International	78.6	81.6	-0.2	0.84
Income Growth	55.6	60.2	+0.1	4.95
GBI/Fixed Int	23.2	25.0		10.10
Global Inc	92.0	94.2	-0.1	5.66
Spec Sit	52.8	56.3e	+0.1	1.57

BARCLAYS UNICORN
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01-534 5544

Capital	70.4	74.8	+0.1	3.47
Euro Gth Inc	63.9	68.0	+0.1	2.36
Extra Income	63.9	69.2e	+0.1	6.34
General	146.4	155.7	+0.8	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.1	56.5e		9.72
Income Trst	54.3	57.8e	+0.2	4.52
Int Income	48.5	51.5	-0.1	4.54
Smlr Co Inc	35.2	37.4	-0.2	1.51

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Australia	54.6	60.3e	+2.1	0.00
Eastern	57.0	62.5e	+0.1	0.00
Equity Inc	81.2	85.1e		4.70
Europe	106.8	113.5c	-0.2	0.30
Exempt Tst	52.3	55.6	..	3.00
Growth & Inc	67.2	71.2		1.92
Global Gth	57.4	61.0e	+0.9	1.89
Japan Spec	116.3	124.3	-0.3	0.10
Japan Sun	118.2	126.4	-0.5	0.00
Mrkt Leaders	95.3	101.9	-0.4	0.00
Pacific Basin	84.8	90.6	+0.2	0.20
First N Amer	35.5	37.7	-0.1	1.10
First Smlr Co	80.0	85.0e	-0.1	1.88
N Amer Spec	34.5	36.7	+0.3	0.30

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Financial	144.7	154.0	-0.9	1.42
Smlr Co Acc	296.0	315.4e		1.17
Do Inc	187.8	198.5e	-1.0	1.17
High Income	73.4	78.1		4.74
Income	94.4	99.9e	+0.2	4.68
Main Portfl Inc	127.1	135.1		4.68
Do Acc	131.8	140.3	+0.1	1.91
Nth American	41.7	44.4	+0.3	0.21
Overall	78.4	83.4e	+0.8	0.10
Exempt	236.0	251.0e	+1.0	1.58
Recovery	56.1	59.3e	-0.2	0.28
German	22.9	24.3e	+0.1	1.00
Int Recov	21.8	23.1	+0.1	1.00
Europe	15.5	16.5	-0.1	2.11

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Dening Inc	52.6	56.2e	-0.4	1.92
Fellowship Inc	52.6	56.2e	-0.4	1.92
General Inc 4	220.0	230.8c	-4.7	2.38
Do Acc 4	359.0	376.4	-5.1	2.38
Income Fd 3	109.9	118.5e	..	5.00
Do Acc 3	203.5	215.3	..	5.00
Inc Fd 2	95.9	100.7	..	1.38
Do Acc 2	128.4	134.7	..	1.38
Smlr Co 5	78.4	82.3	..	2.00
Do Acc	84.5	88.6	..	2.00

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	28.3	30.8e	-0.3	3.00
Income	35.7	38.7e		4.23
Far East	22.8	24.7e	+0.2	0.25
Nth American	23.5	25.4e		0.01
Global	37.9	40.4	-0.3	0.84
European	37.1	40.1	-0.1	1.32
Japan	68.0	73.6e	+0.7	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 351 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO
01-621 0011

Capital	350.3	372.7	+2.2	1.85
Income	310.3	330.2	+0.4	4.84
Nth Amer	202.5	215.5	-2.2	2.22

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	437.5	..	..	4.58
Fixed Int	145.2	..	..	9.95
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.65

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	405.6	•	..	4.95
Acc	512.7165		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	9.23

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2Y 5DP
01-606 6622
S/C Spec Sit 54.7 57.9 -0.4 0.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Gth	18.9	18.0	..	0.00
Asia Gth	20.8	21.8	-0.1	0.00
Dragon Gth	17.5	18.7	..	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	49.3	52.9e	+0.1	5.00
European Gth	22.1	23.6e	+0.1	0.50
Gen Equity	42.9	45.4	..	3.10
G/F Interst Gth	52.4	54.2	-0.1	8.00
Cat & Fores Inc	29.1	29.5c	-0.1	5.60
Int Income Tst	22.0	23.4e	+0.1	5.30
Japan Gth	38.1	40.6	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	25.3	26.9	..	2.20
Special Sits	31.6	33.7	+0.4	0.90

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

UK & Gen Inc	49.3	52.4c	+0.2	2.12
Do Acc	49.4	52.6c	+0.1	2.12
Income Inc	52.5	55.9c	+0.1	2.88
Do Acc	53.4	56.8c	+0.1	2.88
Worldwide Inc	39.2	41.7c	+0.1	1.14
Do Acc	39.6	42.3	+0.1	1.10
Gemma Inc	29.2	31.1	+0.1	1.01
Do Acc	29.5	31.1	+0.1	1.01
Amer Gth	47.3	50.4	-0.2	0.96
Euro Gth	47.1	50.1	+0.2	0.69
Far East	49.3	52.4	+0.5	0.18

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

Amer Tst	99.3	107.4	+1.0	0.93
Canadian Gth	17.0	18.4	+0.4	1.50
European Tst	95.7	93.7	+1.7	
Growth Tst	230.1	248.8	-1.4	3.44
High Income	275.1	297.4	-0.3	5.45
Int Tech Tst	96.1	103.9	+0.2	
Japanese Tst	174.5	188.7	+3.2	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9RL
0737-242424

European Gth	43.6	46.8e	+0.3	3.99
Euro Spec Sits	33.8	36.2	-0.3	1.30
International	42.9	46.2e	+0.1	3.50
N Amer Gth	34.5	37.4	-0.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	45.5	50.2e	+0.3	4.80
UK Gth Acc	53.2	57.3	+0.7	0.50
Do Dist	52.6	56.9	+0.7	0.50
UK Income	51.9	55.8	+0.6	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Acc	51.70	55.09e	-0.61	1.82
Capital Fd	105.4	114.3	+0.8	1.49
Eurofund	21.1	23.4	+0.5	2.23
Growth & Inc	148.6	159.5	+0.6	3.95
High Dist Fd	172.7	185.4	+0.9	6.90
International	198.1	179.0	+0.2	1.26
Pacific Fd	17.2	18.3	+0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	21.9	23.3	+0.2	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	121.7	35.9	+0.2	
Tokyo Fd	169.7	174.3	+0.2	0.00
Ex Amer 2	110.3	116.8	..	2.63
Ex Japan 3	101.3	104.4e	..	0.20
Ex Pacific 4	250.0	265.1	..	0.30
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0e	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LN
01-0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	74.0	78.5c	+0.4	3.10
Do Acc	76.4	81.1c	+0.4	3.00
UK Gth Acc	104.9	111.2	-0.1	2.42
UK High Inc	84.4	89.5e	-0.2	4.90
N Amer Acc	59.2	63.1	+0.1	1.10
Far East Acc	96.1	104.6	+0.1	0.73
European Acc	65.3	69.6		2.47
UK Gt/Fi Inc	57.7	61.2e	-0.1	6.50
Do Acc	63.2	67.1c		7.75
Int Spec Sits	34.5	36.8	..	1.84

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford
RM1 3LB
01708 58955

Endurance	103.3	109.9	..	1.20

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
02296 4314/80

Equit Pelican	79.8	84.9e	-0.2	3.55
High Income	84.4	89.8e	+0.3	4.96
Gt/Fixd Interst	53.2	56.6	-0.3	7.51
Tst Of Inv Trsts	76.3	81.2	-0.3	2.92
Spec Sits Tst	81.0	86.2	-0.1	2.76
Nth Amer Tst	46.8	49.8	+0.1	1.78
Far East Tst	83.9	89.2	+0.2	0.45
Int Growth	34.2	36.4	+0.2	1.98
European Tst	37.6	40.0	..	1.75

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry
CV1 1GG
0203 552231

UK Gth Acc	157.4	168.3e	..	3.65
Do Inc	132.1	141.2e	..	3.86
Higher Inc Acc	232.7	248.8e	..	4.79
Do Inc	220.7	236.0e	..	4.79
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.2	116.0	..	8.02
Do Inc	85.6	90.1	..	8.02
N Amer Acc	97.7	104.4e	..	1.15
Far East Acc	173.8	185.8e	..	0.08
Euro Tst Acc	116.0	124.0	..	0.63
Gen Tst	232.5	248.6	..	3.77
Britt Excel	35.8	38.2	..	3.25

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	45.7	48.7e	+0.1	0.16
UK Inc Fd	83.3	88.7	+0.2	4.63
Far East Fd	73.3	80.3	+0.4	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.7	61.5	+0.2	2.45
Fxd Interest	57.9	61.8c	-0.2	9.83
Natural Res Fd	57.5	61.2	+1.4	2.76
European Inc	56.1	59.7	+0.4	3.73
Financials Fd	58.3	62.1	+0.2	2.53
Int Tech Fd	88.2	93.9	-0.3	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-222 3232				
Balan Gth Acc	57.6	61.3	+0.2	
Do Inc	56.2	59.8	+0.2	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.5	30.3	+0.2	
Do Inc	27.6	29.4	+0.2	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	50.9	54.1e	+0.1	
Do Inc	46.3	49.3c		4.00
Serv Co Acc	60.7	64.6c	-0.1	
Do Inc	59.5	63.3c	-0.1	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	18.1	19.3	..	1.00
Do Inc	18.1	19.3	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	14.0	14.9	-0.1	1.00
Do Inc	14.0	14.9	-0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Calltree 0800 414161

American	84.7	88.9e	-0.4	1.08
Amer Equ Inc	25.5	27.2e	-0.2	0.80
Amer Spec Sit	33.8	36.2	-0.2	0.60
Australia	18.2	20.5e	-0.8	2.21
European	47.6	51.0		
European Inc	19.9	21.3	-0.1	4.52
Global Conv	72.0	77.0	-0.1	5.46
Far East Inc	34.0	36.2e	..	3.63
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.4	•	..	9.46
Growth & Inc	104.8	112.1c	-0.7	4.43
Japan Spec Sit	59.7	63.8	+0.2	
Japan	126.6	146.8	-0.6	
Main Interest	107.1	114.6	+0.2	0.56
Max Inc Eqty	96.3	103.0c	-0.2	5.07
Famous Name	36.4	39.0	-0.1	2.79
SE Asia	28.1	29.9	-1.4	0.56
Spec Sit	230.9	247.0	-1.3	0.79
Eastern Opps	19.2	20.5	+0.1	

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer/Gen Inc	136.5	146.8	+0.1	..
Do Acc	141.8	150.9	+0.1	..
Amer Turn Inc	145.0	154.4	+0.4	1.03
Do Acc	151.7	161.2	+0.4	1.09
Capital Inc	237.8	251.8	+1.0	2.10
Do Acc	253.2	310.2	+1.3	2.10
Com/Gilt Inc	94.6	100.1	+0.4	5.05
Do Acc	135.6	143.7	+0.4	5.05
Euro Inc	52.9	55.4	-0.2	1.14
Do Acc	53.7	56.6	-0.2	1.14
Extra Inc Inc	207.0	219.0	+0.9	4.52
Do Acc	230.5	243.9	+1.0	4.52
Financial Acc	38.3	40.5	-0.2	0.95
Do Inc	38.2	40.4e	-0.2	0.95
Income Tst	137.9	145.6e	+0.5	3.96
Do Acc	151.8	160.4e	+0.6	3.96
Int Growth Inc	120.8	127.6	+0.1	
Do Acc	133.9	141.9e		
Japan/Gen Inc	95.4	100.8	+0.1	
Do Acc	96.3	101.9	+0.1	
Monthly Inc Fd	104.9	110.9e	+0.1	3.84
PEP Fd	51.6	54.5	-0.1	2.67
Recovery	148.9	155.4	+0.2	1.26
Do Acc	160.6	169.5	+0.2	1.26

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411222

Equity Inst	203.0	215.4e	+0.2	2.89
Do Acc	349.1	370.5e	+1.0	2.89
Euro Gth Dist	46.4	49.3	+0.3	1.01
Do Acc	46.4	49.3	+0.3	1.01
Fxd Interest Di	115.2	122.5e	-0.1	10.12
Do Acc	145.7	155.0e	-0.4	10.12
Int Gth Dist	47.2	50.1	..	0.50
Do Acc	47.2	50.1	..	0.50
Nth Amer Dist	100.7	106.3	-0.5	2.43
Do Acc	100.7	107.0	-0.6	2.43
Pac Basin Dist	151.2	160.6	+0.2	0.23
Do Acc	151.2	160.6	+0.2	0.23
Spec Sit Dist	199.7	211.9e	+0.6	1.39
Do Acc	209.3	222.1e	+0.7	1.39
Steward Dist	47.4	50.3	+0.2	3.58
Do Acc	47.4	50.3	+0.2	3.58
N Am Stwd Di	45.3	48.1	-0.2	2.06
Do Acc	45.3	48.1	-0.2	2.06

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Spec Sit	46.5	49.4	+0.4	0.80
UK Cap Inc	107.5	114.4	+0.5	2.60
Do Acc	157.1	167.2	+0.8	2.60
Income Fd	59.5	64.0		10.00
International	134.5	143.1	+0.7	0.50
US & General	39.9	42.5	+0.1	1.10
Japan & Gen	236.7	251.9	+0.4	0.10
Far East Gen	210.0	223.5	+0.4	0.10
European Fd	199.1	211.9	+0.1	0.10
Gartmore Fd	51.6	54.9e	-0.4	7.20
Inc Inc Fd	45.6	48.6c	-0.3	5.40
Wld Spec Sit	52.8	56.0	-0.3	1.70

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5768 Dealing
01-222 5806 Investor Service (Freephone)
0800 289336

American Tst	62.9	67.6	-0.4	0.70
Australasian Tst	19.5	20.9	+0.5	0.00
Biotech Acc	64.3	69.2	+0.3	2.09
Do Dist	54.9	59.1	+0.3	2.09
Commod Shar	54.2	58.3	+0.3	2.06
European Tst	40.8	43.9	+0.6	0.75
Extra Income	54.8	59.0e	..	4.77
Far East Tst	114.1	122.8	+1.9	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	27.6	29.7	+0.1	8.89
Financial Trst	21.6	23.3	+0.2	0.00
Int Fxd Interest	24.0	25.6	..	9.47
Global Fd Acc	147.4	158.5e	+0.3	0.40
Do Dist	139.4	149.9e	+0.3	0.40
Gold Shares Tst	18.3	19.7	+0.2	0.00
Hedged Amer	29.6	31.9c	-0.4	0.50
High Income	28.0	30.2	..	5.63
Hong Kong Tst	27.2	29.3	..	0.80
Income Fd	29.2	31.4	+0.1	4.97
Japan Tst	114.5	123.2	+1.8	0.00
Managed Expt	239.4	249.4	+0.4	2.56
Oil & Energy	35.5	38.2	+0.4	2.50
Smlr Co Tst	98.5	106.0	+0.3	1.30
UK Sm Co Rec	34.7	101.9e	+0.6	0.30
Cheltenham UK	22.7	24.2	+0.1	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

Int Gth	81.7	86.9	+0.2	1.21
American Gth	51.2	54.4	+0.3	1.32
American Inc	51.9	55.5	-0.5	6.35
European Gth	46.8	49.7e	-0.1	1.19
Gold & Metals	58.0	61.6	+0.2	0.55
Japan Gth	67.9	72.1e	..	0.10
Pacific Inc	62.9	66.9	-0.2	3.78
Pacific Strat	37.7	40.1	+0.2	0.41
UK Prog Inc	66.2	70.4e	+0.3	4.38
UK Spec Opps	121.3	129.0	+0.7	0.29
Gt Britain	33.6	35.7	+0.4	1.70

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 0800

Gt/Fxd Interest	120.6	125.3	-0.9	8.86
Gth Equity	207.8	219.5e	-0.9	2.58
Gwardhill	279.4	292.2	-1.0	3.07
Income	113.3	119.3e	+2.2	0.99
Pacific	222.6	235.6	+2.0	0.00
Prop Share	300.2	317.8	-2.2	1.24
Smaller Co	241.3	255.4e	+1.4	1.43
European Tst	205.0	217.8	+4.5	1.19

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.
01-623 9333

Global Gth	33.4	35.6e	+2.1	0.60
High Income	76.5	81.4e	+0.2	6.68
N Amer Tst	79.8	84.7	+0.3	0.93
Pacific Gth	73.8	78.4e	+0.1	0.50
Recovery	259.6	276.2e	+0.3	2.82
Sl Vincent Inc	97.2	99.7	+0.1	5.37
Sl Vinc US Gth	48.6	50.7	+0.6	1.15
Temp B Sm Co	252.4	268.3	..	2.79
Euro Gth Tst	38.6	40.9	+0.5	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

Amer Equ Inc	48.2	51.1	-0.8	4.50
Canadian Tst	34.2	36.4e	+0.2	0.34
Equity Income	94.6	100.4e	+0.7	5.52
European Tst	74.0	78.5	+1.5	1.17
High Income	76.1	80.7	+0.5	5.80
Int Sits Tst	45.7	48.5	+0.1	1.48
Japan/F East	95.8	101.5e	+0.4	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	89.0	94.5e	+0.4	0.32
Prop & Assets	88.9	94.3	-0.3	2.09
Scandinavian	98.7	70.8	-0.2	1.09
Smlr Co	31.5	33.4e		1.22
UK New Gen	35.9	38.1	-0.1	1.16

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, 0277 261010

Amer Recov	74.0	75.2e	-1.0	0.00
American Smlr Co	32.2	34.5e	..	0.44
Australasian	75.0	80.3e	+2.4	1.15
Best of World	48.2	50.8	-0.1	2.46
Cap Gth Inc	53.4	59.3	-0.2	2.40
Do Acc	56.1	62.2	-0.2	2.40
European	191.9	205.4e	+1.4	0.85
Euro Inc Tst	39.3	42.1	+0.5	5.47
Euro Smlr Co	71.9	77.0e	+0.5	0.16
Extra Income	194.5	208.2c	-0.2	4.01
Financial Tst	147.9	158.3e	+0.2	1.55
Fxd Interest	58.8	61.0c	..	9.85
Gilt Tst	39.8	42.7	..	7.04
Global Health	67.4	72.2	-0.2	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	94.8	101.5	-0.3	3.57
Global Resrce	87.5	72.3	+1.0	0.00
Global Tech	93.1	99.7	+0.4	0.11
Gold	40.0	42.8	+0.3	0.01
High Income	200.7	214.8e	+1.9	4.38
Hong Kong	46.3	49.6	-0.2	0.00
Inc & Gth Inc	156.8	171.9e	..	3.05
Do Acc	321.2	345.4e	+0.2	3.05
Income Asset	110.9	117.7	+0.3	4.07
International	134.9	144.4e	-0.6	0.29
Jap Spec Sits	178.8	191.4e	-0.6	0.00
Japan Tst	187.9	179.7	+0.3	0.00
Nth American	101.1	108.2	-1.7	0.00
Pacific Smlr Co	87.9	72.7	-0.9	0.00
Pension Man				
Prof & Gth	58.4	62.7c	-0.1	9.21
Recovery Tst	125.1	134.8e	+0.1	0.17
Sm & Mdcp	170.1	182.0	..	0.17
Smlr Co Div	153.2	164.7e	-0.5	3.85
Spec Sits Inc	156.9	168.8	..	1.29
Do Acc	220.2	236.0	..	1.29
Worldwide	488.4	458.9e	+0.1	2.57
Euro Exempt	95.6	100.7	+0.6	2.93
Glob Tec Expt	68.1	68.3e	+0.2	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	104.8	112.4e	+0.2	6.00
Japan Exempt	183.1	171.7	-0.7	0.00
N Amer Expt	70.2	73.8e	-0.7	0.00
Pacific Exempt	149.1	157.0e	-0.6	0.00
Smlr Co Exmpt	135.3	161.4e	+2.3	0.00
Sml Co Exempt	153.3	161.4e		2.78
Spec Sit Exempt	33.8	36.4	+0.1	2.60

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-639 3011

British Units	54.2	58.0e	-0.4	3.03
Capital Units	54.2	58.0e		3.04
Dollar Units	153.9	164.7e	+2.4	1.97
European	105.3	112.7	+2.2	0.00
Far East	119.3

The cloud over a sunshine island

A Cypriot republic already painfully adjusting to its loss of territory after the events of 1974, also faces the consequences of the impact of rapidly-growing wealth on the fragile beauty of its environment, says Alan Jenkins

Nicosia has just witnessed a storm of protest. A barrage of angry telephone calls descended on the authorities. The press called it "an outrage". The cause of this furore was the chopping down one Sunday afternoon of 200 eucalyptus trees planted some 50 years ago in British colonial times along the banks of the Pedieos river, which runs past the presidential palace.

The trees were coming down to make way for a 12-storey shopping and apartment complex. No matter that a few minutes' drive away the city is divided by a line marked with rubble-filled oil cans and the blue and white United Nations roadblocks looking like tawdry fairground booths.

It was the loss of eucalyptus trees that left the environmentalists in a state of shock.

This incident, in its modest way, represents one of the dilemmas facing Cyprus today. How do you get bigger and richer without destroying the charm of an island which has captivated so many races since history began?

It pinpoints, too, the most surprising aspect of life in Greek Cyprus: its apparent easy-going normality. With UN troops in their unlikely white-painted armoured cars and jeeps adding to the traffic confusion, and lively little streets ending with baby-faced boys from Scandinavia hugging rifles, the citizens of Nicosia can still get as heated about its trees as any Friends of Hampstead Heath.

It is now 13 years since Turkish troops invaded the north and occupied two-fifths of the country. Beyond the dividing line then lay nearly two-thirds of the agricultural land, and the great bulk of the tourist accommodation.

Yet today the economic pointers indicate that Greek Cyprus will be going into 1988 in good shape. The government claims that the balance on the current account will show a surplus of C£50 million (about £61 million), the first in 20 years. Personal incomes have risen by 5.5 per cent, unemployment has been falling from what was already a low rate of less than 4 per cent, and inflation has been contained at 3 per cent.

This can only be good news for the President, Spyros Kyprianou, the middle-of-the-road leader of the Democratic Party, who succeeded Archbishop Makarios after his death in 1977 and fights an election again on February 14, when the first round of voting takes place.

A belief in benefits of customs union

However hard his opponents grumble about huge foreign debts and lack of direction in the economy, there is an undeniable sense of optimism, vitality and activity, and a belief in the business community that the signing of the customs union agreement with the EEC, which comes into effect on January 1, will provide opportunities that will sharpen the competitive edge of Cyprus industry and agriculture.

Tourism and agriculture each account for around 10-12 per cent of GNP, with tourism by far the biggest earner of foreign exchange, and both looking to Britain for the largest share of custom.

Mike Abrahams



A Greek Civil guardsman on the Green Line, which marks the bitter divide between Greeks and Turks

But far bigger is manufacturing, with clothing, shoes, cement and processed farm products making an important contribution to exports.

Now a fourth pillar of the economy is emerging with possibly far-reaching consequences. For several years the service industries have been growing at a remarkable rate, and for many both in government and business there is a seductive vision of Cyprus becoming the Singapore of the Middle East, and a shopping centre for Europe.

Cyprus lies only 64 miles to the west of Syria and 211 miles from Egypt, and is ready to benefit, so the argument goes, from having a strategic location between Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Once it attracted conquerors; now it can attract business at advantageous rates.

Tax incentives for offshore operations have led to the registration of 2,400 companies and 600 of these now have full office facilities with foreign and local employees. Among them are 15 banks.

Michael Zampelas, chairman of the Cyprus ports authority and managing partner of a leading firm of chartered accountants, says: "We have 340 warm and sunny days a year. The country looks Middle Eastern, thinks European, and its legal system is based on English law. There is practically no red tape here. The economy is based on private enterprise and the private sector is the backbone of economic activity."

Cyprus has recently been elected to the council of the International Maritime Organization – a recognition of its status as a maritime nation with the world's seventh largest merchant fleet in terms of tonnage under its flag.

Shipping was one of the first offshore enterprises, led in 1972 by Hanseatic, whose shipping management company now operates 150 vessels of all sizes. Among its many activities is a marine training school open free to Cypriots.

But if the economic climate looks sunny, there is still a cloud that hangs the length of the island – the continuing failure to resolve the issues that divide the Greek south from Turkish-occupied north Cyprus.

There is a strong feeling among Greek Cypriots that Britain could bring greater pressure to bear on the other western powers to find a solution. And the move towards full membership of the EEC is seen as having even more political significance than commercial importance, because Turkey, too, is anxious to become a member.

In Nicosia, the Foreign Ministry is insistent that the Turks are strengthening their position. Militarily, they say, the Turks have increased their presence to 35,000 troops, their tanks have increased in number from 200 to 300, re-equipped with diesel engines which give them increased speed and longer range, and supplied with new cannons.

They also estimate that there are now 65,000 settlers from the mainland, with only 100,000 Turkish Cypriots – although Britain believes the number of newcomers is much lower.

Nicosia suggests that the locals resent the settlers, who are a pawn in a game to retain the Turkish presence and a problem in any settlement.

The problem has raised one of the few clear-cut differences in the coming presidential election.

On the left, Ezekias Papaioannou, the craggy secretary general of Akel, the Communist Party, on whose goodwill the government has depended, not surprisingly takes the same line as the Soviet Union, where he recently received Gorbachov's blessing: that the international aspect of the Turkish occupation should be debated at an international conference.

On the right, the affable

'Middle Eastern looks, European thoughts and an English-based legal system'

Anglophile Glafkos Clerides, leader of the Democratic Rally, yet again a presidential contender, says: "We believe in direct negotiation; we are opposed to any international conference. It's a waste of time. Who will agree on its composition? Who will implement the decisions?"

So far President Kyprianou and Mr Clerides have two opponents: George Vassiliou, a rich 56-year old economist with his own business consultancy, who runs as an independent backed by Akel, and the Socialist Party (Edek) leader Dr Vassos Lyssarides.

Last month an opinion poll showed Mr Vassiliou to be ahead in the race, in front of Mr Clerides, with Mr Kyprianou trailing. The poll was carried out by the Middle East Marketing Research Bureau, which has been conducting polls with impressive predictions since 1981.

Ah, said the Democratic Party, they would, wouldn't they, because Vassiliou is head of the bureau.

This month another poll result was announced. This time it put Mr Kyprianou in first place, followed by Mr Clerides, with Mr Vassiliou trailing. Who commissioned the poll? The Democratic Party.

The loser at the moment seems to be the electorate. For the past month the public has been treated to a nightly recital of party announcements on TV. Each week, every candidate gets five minutes of TV time and every month 15 minutes. Even the government spokesman agrees that it is hard on the public, and that there should at least be a holiday from party broadcasts before February. That is the unlikeliest event of the election.

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Cyprus: a test case for the U.N.

Cyprus is the only European country whose borders are violated by a foreign army of occupation – that of her powerful neighbour, Turkey.

Surprisingly little is heard about this continuing military occupation. Yet over thirteen years have passed since Turkish forces invaded Cyprus, a sovereign state and member of both the Commonwealth and the European families. One thing is now perfectly clear: whatever form her presence will take, Turkey is bent on staying in Cyprus for ever. The pattern of her behaviour over three decades proves this beyond doubt.

Since the 1974 invasion there have been numerous attempts to solve the problem. Yet no prospect of a settlement is in sight.

Why?

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has placed all its hopes for a just and peaceful solution in the machinery of the United Nations and in negotiations sponsored by it. Countless resolutions of both the General Assembly and the Security Council underline this.

If these hopes have not been fulfilled, it is because of the negative and obstructionist attitude adopted at each stage by the Turkish side.

Every U.N. resolution, including those of the Security Council, has embodied a demand for respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. Yet every call by the international community has been ignored by Ankara and the Turkish-Cypriot leadership.

The Cyprus problem, however, will not go away. For the presence of Turkey in the island is the problem.

It will remain a test case of whether violence and lawlessness can be overcome by the institutions of international legality rather than by counter-violence.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has been steadfast in its pursuit of the first of these two courses. Yet, despite a number of attempts to initiate negotiations, no effective step has been taken by the world community to restore justice and legality to Cyprus.

The facts speak for themselves:

Cyprus is still in effect partitioned by an army of occupation. At least 35,000 heavily-armed Turkish troops occupy 37% of the territory of the Republic and enforce the artificial separation of the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

The demographic character of the island is being systematically altered by the wholesale importation into the occupied area of settlers from mainland Turkey. At present they number some 65,000, thus inflating the Turkish-Cypriot community by more than 50%.

The historical and cultural character of the occupied area is being obliterated. Churches are looted, cemeteries desecrated, historical treasures exported openly and placenames turned into Turkish, in a crude attempt to erase the island's rich Hellenic past.

This all adds up to a methodical programme to turn the occupied part of Cyprus into a province of Turkey, no more, no less. The steps Ankara has taken to consolidate its stranglehold are clearcut.

First, there was the declaration in February 1975 of a "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus". There followed the gradual expulsion – for alleged "security reasons" – of some 20,000 Greek-Cypriots who had remained enclaved in the occupied area after the invasion. Then, as these left, they were replaced by an influx of so-called "seasonal workers" from mainland Turkey. Next, in November 1983, came full-blown secession in the form of a UDI, as a purportedly "independent republic" made its appearance in the north. After that there was an exchange of "ambassadors" between Ankara and occupied Nicosia, followed by a "referendum" and "elections". And most recently Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has openly threatened to seek international recognition of his "state" if the Cyprus Government raises the problem – as indeed it will – at the current session of the U.N. General Assembly.

A few days ago it was announced that the President of Turkey, General Kenan Evren, intends to pay a visit to the occupied area of Cyprus, possibly before the end of the year. The symbolism is inescapable. Yet there are some who still believe that Turkey's mission in Cyprus is a peaceful one. Given the facts, it is hard to credit such short-sightedness.

Turkey's purpose in Cyprus has never been the declared one of protecting the Turkish-Cypriot minority. Her purpose is purely strategic and expansionist. The history of the problem proves it, and President Evren's proposed visit underlines it.

In pursuit of this purpose, Turkey has done everything possible since the invasion to keep the Cyprus problem open, to avert a just and viable settlement that would ensure the Republic's independence, sovereignty and unity.

To do this, Turkey – which exercises absolute control over the Turkish-Cypriot leadership in these matters – has resolutely excluded from any discussion such issues as the withdrawal of her occupation troops, the establishment of adequate international guarantees, and the protection of the basic freedoms of all Cypriots.

In consequence, successive rounds of talks between the two sides in the island have dealt almost exclusively with constitutional issues, becoming bogged down in details and achieving nothing of any significance. This is inevitable given Turkey's policy of EITHER no solution at all OR a solution entirely on her own terms: either way her goal is the same, acceptance by the Greek-Cypriots and the world at large of faits accomplis created and maintained by the use of force.

But neither way is justice served. And neither way is peace and the future stability of the region served.

The matter is simple. The Cyprus problem is one of invasion and continuing foreign military occupation. It will not be solved until the occupation ceases, alien mainland settlers are returned to Turkey, and a new set of international guarantees is agreed upon to safeguard a future settlement.

These crucial issues must now be tackled directly, without further delay. Turkey can no longer mask her reluctance to discuss them with Mr. Denktash's wearisomely fetishistic attachment to the U.N. Secretary-General's March 1986 document. Of course the constitutional arrangements for a future Federal Government of Cyprus are important. But they can only be addressed successfully within the context of meaningful and substantive negotiations for an overall solution.

Confronted by continuing Turkish intransigence and by an expanding Turkish armed presence in the occupied area, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus recently decided to make a new recourse to the U.N. General Assembly. It will be asking the world community to reaffirm the principles of a just solution to the problem, to support new initiatives in the search for such a solution including strengthening the mandate of the U.N. Secretary-General, and to invite the Security Council to face its responsibilities in the matter.

It is up to the members of the United Nations, and in particular the permanent members of the Security Council, to find ways of ensuring the implementation of their numerous resolutions on Cyprus calling for a settlement in accordance with the principles of the U.N. Charter.

The Cyprus Government has made a number of concrete proposals to facilitate discussion and resolution of the basic issues. These proposals still stand.

The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, reiterated only last month his proposal for the complete demilitarisation of the Republic as a means of meeting Turkish-Cypriot security concerns – real or imaginary.

The Cyprus Government has also proposed the convening of a representative international conference on Cyprus, to be held under the auspices of the U.N. Secretary-General, as a suitable forum for the discussion of the international aspects of the problem.

The Turkish attitude to these proposals has so far been negative.

Left to herself Turkey will never agree to a just and viable settlement in Cyprus.

This is where the responsibility of the international community has to be brought into play.

Turkey must be left in no doubt, by those whose words carry the greatest weight, that the international community will not tolerate the perpetuation of the Cyprus problem.

It has gone on long enough. At a time when momentous steps are being taken to reduce the risk of war in Europe, it must be borne in mind that peace depends not only on the super-powers but also on averting local or regional conflicts that could get out of control. This in turn depends on the ability of the world community to act so that no individual nation is tempted to take justice into its own hands.

In the case of Cyprus the world community has not yet shown itself able to meet this challenge. A challenge that could not be put more eloquently than in the words of British historian and former High Commissioner to Nicosia, Sir David Hunt:

*"....the duty of all countries now is not merely to abstain from assisting the aggressor by acquiescence but to take steps to redress the wrong... The Republic of Cyprus stands on the side of legality and justice in the world. It demands not merely sympathy, not merely the legal endorsement of its rights; it demands action to restore them.... There can be no peace and stability in the world unless the rule of law becomes as dominant in international affairs as it is in the political structure, in the ordinary life, of all well-ordered countries".**

* From the 1983 Canon Newham Memorial Lecture.

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Cyprus is ideally positioned for its fresh trade chances

Living with new customs

After adapting well to invasion, the economy is now gearing up to the challenge of becoming part of the EEC customs union

ECONOMY

By a Special Correspondent

The economy of the southern, Greek part of Cyprus showed great adaptability after the Turkish invasion of 1974, when it recovered quickly from the dislocation caused by the division of the island. It will have to make another, rather less dramatic adaptation when Cyprus joins the EEC customs union on January 1.

The removal of trade barriers between Cyprus and the 12 member countries of the European Community will present opportunities, both for the island's agricultural producers, now playing a lesser part in the economy than they did, and for its manufacturing industries. But it will also open up Cypriot industry to competition from the more sophisticated exporters of the EEC, and that will present a challenge.

There is, however, confidence that just as it did in 1974, Greek Cyprus will now be able to adapt itself to changing market conditions, and find the market niches which will enable it to flourish. One senior Cypriot banker said: "We are not afraid of the future. Change does not bring insecurity, but gives the capacity for being creative".

A visitor to Greek Cyprus today, if not exposed to Cypriot conversation, would in fact find no evidence of the severity of the island's amputation in 1974, which removed 70 per cent of the island's productive resources from the control of the Greek Cypriot government.

The government responded by promoting labour-intensive industry and a huge expansion of the construction sector, and there was a boom in the economy in the late 1970s. By the end of the decade production in the southern part of Cyprus was 12 per cent higher than it had been in the whole island in 1973.

Since then growth has slowed down considerably, and there is a large foreign debt. But the economy has been diversified. It is now based, not just on the age-old activity of agriculture, but on a larger industrial sector, a significant increase in tourism, a well-established shipping centre, and a concerted attempt to develop Cyprus as a regional business centre.

Performance so far this year has been mixed. There has been a slowdown in economic growth, coupled with stagnation in industrial activity, brought about by a decline of demand in Arab markets. Industrial exports were down to C£102.2 million (about £125 million) in 1986, compared to C£125 million in 1985, and had only a marginal upswing of 6 per cent in the first half of this year.

Foreign investment code is liberalized

But at the same time there has been a substantial improvement in the balance of payments, due partly to a reduction in the price of imports, principally oil. A surplus on current account, of between C£30 million and C£40 million, has been announced for the first time in 20 years.

Tourism, which still makes the main contribution to the balance of payments, is estimated to be up 17 per cent on last year's revenue figure of C£257 million. The total foreign debt is projected to fall from C£632.1 million to C£564.9 million.

With entry into the EEC customs union now imminent, the Government has two main objectives: to replace the revenue that it will now no longer receive from import duties on EEC goods, and to strengthen the island's industry. The first will be relatively easy, though likely to be unpopular, through the introduction of a value-added tax next year.

The second will be harder because it requires the galvanizing of a traditional industrial sector largely made up of small family firms, so that they can meet much greater competition.

Some steps have already been taken. One is the liberalization of the foreign investment code so as to encourage foreign companies with a high technology bias to set up in Cyprus. The intention is that this should lead to a transfer of technology to Cypriots, either through joint ventures or through the employment by these firms of local labour, and an improvement of production, management and marketing techniques.

It should also ease the rising level of unemployment in Cyprus, currently 3.6 per cent of the working population. The island has an unusually high number of graduates — per capita it ranks third in the world, coming after the US and Canada — and many of them are now looking for jobs overseas. Better opportunities, both in industry at home and in the activities of a regional business centre, are intended to persuade graduates to return to Cyprus after completing their education.

The government sees diversification by Cypriot industry into a high-tech capital-intensive pattern as being imperative if the sector is to survive. It has seen Cyprus losing its market share to South-East Asia, with its cheap labour, and hopes to capitalize on a work force which is cerebral rather than cheap.

Mike Abrahams



A sales pitch in Larnaca market for important island products



Opposition posters for February's presidential elections, putting the case for Dr Vassos Lyssarides of the Socialist Edek party and, on the right, George Vassiliou, who has the backing of the Communists

In the new elections, the key word now is change

Cypriots in the south of the island will be going to the polls on February 14 to elect a President of the Republic for the next five years. Voting is compulsory, *writes a Special Correspondent*

There is little doubt that the outstanding national problem, the division of the island, and the years of efforts to bring about reunification under a federal structure, are the dominant factors in the minds of the voters. But hopes have been raised in the past, only to be dashed, and this time none of the candidates is offering a plan which carries conviction.

The search for a peaceful solution through the UN is a common denominator. And the main hope is pinned on Turkey's application to join the EEC, and Athens's assumed readiness to block it so long as Turkish troops remain in north Cyprus.

The outcome of the election will turn, therefore, not so much on specific issues as on the style of leadership and administration each candidate is believed to offer.

The President, Spyros Kyprianou, who succeeded Archbishop Makarios, the first president, on his death in 1977, and was later re-elected for a second term, is standing again. But this election will be different from the two preceding ones, both of which were held under the continuing shadow of Makarios.

The voters in their great majority then saw Mr Kyprianou as the man who would follow in the footsteps of the great leader, still regarded as a symbol despite or perhaps because of the Athens-inspired coup against him and the subsequent invasion by the Turks.

This time Mr Kyprianou is being challenged by three other candidates, and neither he nor any of the others has any chance of winning in the first round.

In order to win straight off, a candidate must secure an absolute majority, "more than 50 per cent of the votes validly cast". Otherwise a second election is held a week later between the two leading candidates, when a simple majority is enough to win.

Mr Kyprianou represents the centrist Democratic Party, which won 27.6 per cent of the vote in the general election of 1985. His opponents are Glafkos Clerides, representing the right-wing Rally Party (33.5 per cent in 1985); Dr Vassos Lyssarides of the socialist Edek party (11 per cent); and George Vassiliou, an economist, who is standing as an independent but has the backing of the communist Akel party (27.4 per cent).

Mr Clerides, Mr Vassiliou and Dr Lyssarides are all using the slogan of "Change" (the Greek word is "Allagi", the same one as Mr Andreas Papandreou used in the campaign which swept him to power in Greece), and by that they mean the removal of Mr Kyprianou from office. But their agreement stops there.

On his side Mr Kyprianou is countering his rivals' slogan with others of his own. He is proclaiming himself the champion of "Continuity" and "Stability", stressing that people are now well off, and that change must be for the better and not "change for the sake of change". This is one of Mr Kyprianou's strongest points, because people do feel that they are better off than they were.

So far none of the candidates has indicated any intention of changing the non-aligned status of Cyprus, but it is obvious that there are

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different shades of non-alignment for each of them.

Mr Clerides is regarded as pro-western, and has come under attack both from Akel and from the Democratic Party, which says that he is ready to make too many concessions to the western "patrons" of Turkey.

Dr Lyssarides, by contrast, is a staunch supporter of non-alignment and in particular of the Afro-Asian and liberation movements, and he has been critical of both Mr Kyprianou and Mr Clerides from this standpoint.

Broadly speaking, therefore, for Mr Kyprianou non-alignment is seen as a balancing act between east and west, for Mr Clerides it involves a tilt to the west, and for Dr Lyssarides it is broadly anti-colonialist. There is some uncertainty on how it would be seen by Mr Vassiliou, but if Akel had its way it would presumably involve a tilt to the east.

Under the constitution, Cyprus has a presidential system of government in which the president, together with the ministers appointed by him, wields real power and directs both domestic and foreign policy. He alone has the power to appoint and dismiss ministers, who are accountable to him and not to the House of Representatives (Parliament).

He is elected for a five-year term by the votes of the Greek Cypriots, counted separately. The vice-president who, under the constitution, is supposed to be a Turkish Cypriot, is theoretically elected by the Turkish Cypriots.

So the secession of the Turkish Cypriots, who have proclaimed their own Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, has made no difference to the way in which the president is elected. Nor has it altered the fact that, by the terms of the independence constitution, he is the head of the only legitimate government of the Republic of Cyprus.

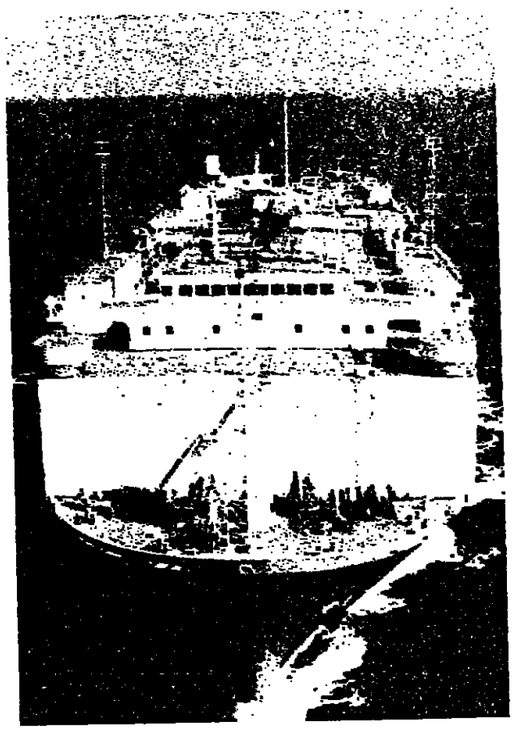
On the face of it, Mr Clerides should, on the strength of his party's vote in the 1985 general election, manage to get into the second round, and the question is who his opponent will be: Mr Kyprianou or Mr Vassiliou. Their chances appear about even.

There are those who believe that in a choice between Mr Clerides and Mr Kyprianou the latter would be the winner because Akel would never agree to vote for Mr Clerides, whom they accuse of being an extreme rightist and anti-communist.

In a contest between Mr Clerides and Mr Vassiliou, the outcome would depend on Mr Kyprianou's Democratic Party, and whether it would cast its votes for Mr Clerides despite their aversion for him or for Mr Vassiliou despite his Akel sponsorship.

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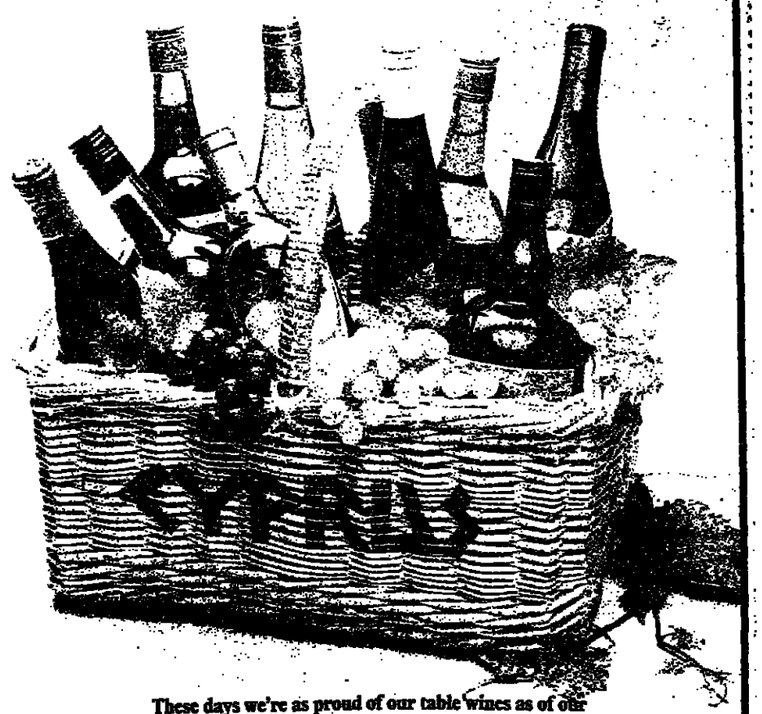
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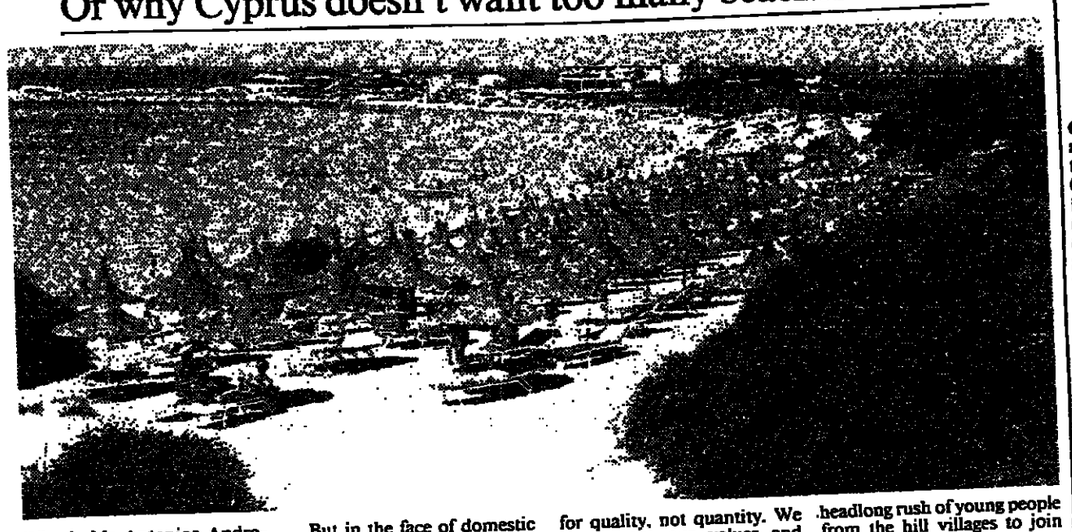
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Less candy floss, please

Or why Cyprus doesn't want too many beaches like this



Why is Mr Antonios Andronikou hoping to lure bird watchers to the eastern Mediterranean to observe the behaviour of the Cyprus warbler? Or bridge players to Nicosia, the more energetic to pick fruit in the Troodos mountains or the gifted to paint in Paphos?

The answer is that Mr Andronikou, director general of tourism, is having to put the brakes on a business that he calls a cornerstone of the economy.

Not that he wants to see an end to the growing stream of visitors to his lovely island. He is simply, unashamedly, seeking a better class of tourist. The industry has become a victim of its own commercial success, which, by any standards, is considerable.

The statistics are impressive: in the first ten months of the year, the number of visitors went up 19 per cent on last year, and this year's final tally is expected to top a million for the first time, injecting C£300 million (about £366 million) into the economy and employing some 20 per cent of the active labour force.

But in the face of domestic criticism, the Cyprus authorities are now clamping down on future developments.

Mr Andronikou is far from being critical of his present customers — he says the kindest things about the British holidaymaker. It is simply that there is a danger of unfettered growth destroying the very things that make

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Cyprus attractive to discerning visitors. Its charm lies largely in its unspoilt character. And that's where the bird watchers come in.

"We want to enhance what we have to offer", says Mr Andronikou. "We want to improve facilities which will enable visitors to enjoy more active holidays. We have a long season of nine months, and we wish to extend it by appealing to middle and upper income groups and offering them not only very high standards of service but a wide variety of interests, which will lead to a higher income.

"Tourist developments must harmonize with the environment. We have to aim for quality, not quantity. We don't want our values and quality of life destroyed for the sake of the tourist industry."

There has been alarm at the unchecked Costa del Sol style of beach-to-beach hotel sprawl at the major resorts of Limassol and Larnaca, and concern that candy-floss development could swamp Paphos and even the idyllic western shore around the Chrysochou Bay.

A team of British consultants who recently carried out a study under the aegis of the UN Development Programme were concerned at what has already happened and called for "very strong restrictive measures." The government has already acted by introducing town planning legislation ensuring that new holiday developments must be approved by the tourist authority itself.

High-quality hotel building is encouraged and B-category building discouraged. The tourist authority wants only four and five-star hotels and hotel apartments, and top-quality self-catering tourist villages and villas.

One critic is veteran travel editor, René Lecler, who now lives in Paphos. "Mass tourism will rob the country of the schools it needs, the roads and the hospitals, because the mass tourist will always take precedence", he writes in *Cyprus Life*. "In my way of thinking the biggest mistake Cyprus could make would be to turn itself into a wall-to-wall Eilat."

The government's response to that is that it has already adopted policies to stem the headlong rush of young people from the hill villages to join the free-for-all on the Aphrodite coast.

There is encouragement for the improvement of traditional houses in rural areas and an increase in spending on roads and schools, in the hope that not only will rural communities stay together but that tourism will spread — in a rather more genteel fashion — to the mountain and valleys.

Tourist chiefs are still insistent that the Cyprus population of some 600,000 is never overwhelmed by visitors. In the peak month of August, 25,000 was the highest number in the country at any one time. About one in three were British.

Significantly, in view of the intention to raise standards, half the visitors come on independent booking and on average spend C£300, excluding travel costs.

An intensive marketing campaign has opened up to sell Cyprus as a winter destination, offering the possibility of swimming in clear sea water, the temperature of which never drops below 16 deg. C — within an hour or so of skiing in the mountains.

And, of course, to enjoy one of those speciality holidays like birdwatching.

Apart from birdwatching, there is the chance to dig up another piece of the island's 9,000 years of history — "scratch the soil anywhere in Cyprus and you will find traces of the island's civilizations" — or even involve yourself in classes in Byzantine music.

Alan Jenkins

Taking another glass of sherry

Cyprus wine sales to the UK are at long last, it seems, out of the doldrums. An increase of 0.3 million litres in total wine imports to the UK, up from 6 million litres in 1985 to 6.3 million litres in 1986, may not sound much, but it is the first encouraging sign in the past three years that the Cypriots have had.

The UK is also Cyprus's biggest export market, which while accounting for about 27 per cent in volume terms of her total wine exports, also represents almost 50 per cent in value due to the high proportion of Cyprus sherry sold here.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of these latest trading figures is the healthy increase in Cyprus sherry sales to the UK. The total sherry market in this country has been declining since the late 1970s when the switch to lighter, paler drinks and cocktails began. The introduction of pale cream sherries stemmed but did not stop this trend.

WINE

It is therefore impressive to note that UK Cyprus sherry sales are up from 2,630,560 litres in 1985 to 3,903,344 in 1986, due in part, no doubt, to the price advantage that these wines have over their competitors.

The removal of preferential Commonwealth trade agreements were responsible for the initial decline, and more recently the entry into the EEC and its important trading advantages for competitive countries such as Spain, plus the Turkish invasion in 1974, have combined to dramatically depress sales of Cyprus wines.

The peak year for exports of Cyprus wines to the UK was 1974, when a hefty 33.5m litres were shipped. Since then sales have dropped steadily until the 1985 low of six million litres.

Cyprus is, however, fighting back. The launch of the Cyprus Wine Centre at 211-213 Regent Street, London W1, and a new advertising campaign show how determined the Cypriots are to revitalize their UK market.

More important still are the vinicultural changes taking place.

Today the wine industry is its second largest earner after tourism. About 10 per cent of the island's agricultural land is planted to vines, involving about a quarter of its farming population, who harvest, on average, about 200,000 tons of grapes. Of this, some 40 million bottles of Cyprus wines and sherries are destined for export.

Most of the island's vineyards are situated on the terraced southern slopes of the Troodos mountains between Limassol and Paphos, with the finest wines produced from vines grown in the slightly cooler climes between 1,000 and 2,500 ft above sea level.

Traditional indigenous Cyprus grapes are mostly grown here, including the black Mavro and the white Xynisteri and Malaga grapes. The sweet Muscat grape is also cultivated in Cyprus.

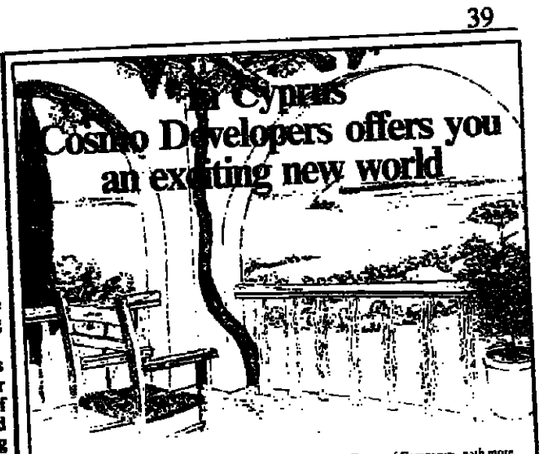
From an export viewpoint, the most encouraging aspect of Cyprus viticulture is the arrival of finer grape varieties from countries such as France, Italy and the Iberian peninsula. Of these, 16 have apparently proved themselves in Cyprus soil, and of the new wave Cyprus wines I have tasted, the most successfully introduced grapes so far appear to be the Carignan, Grenache and Shiraz from France.

Experimental vineyards of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grape have also been planted, and it will be fascinating to see in future years what wines made from these varieties will taste like.

On the vinicultural side, improvements have also been made with some £10 million spent by Cyprus wineries on new plant and machinery. Cold fermentation is now part of the Cyprus wine-making approach, and wine such as the attractive white fruity, slightly sparkling Bellapais show the height that the country's winemakers have now reached.

Considering that control of the Cyprus wine industry is in the hands of four key producers, Sodap, Keo, Etko and Leol, further improvements should not be hard to implement.

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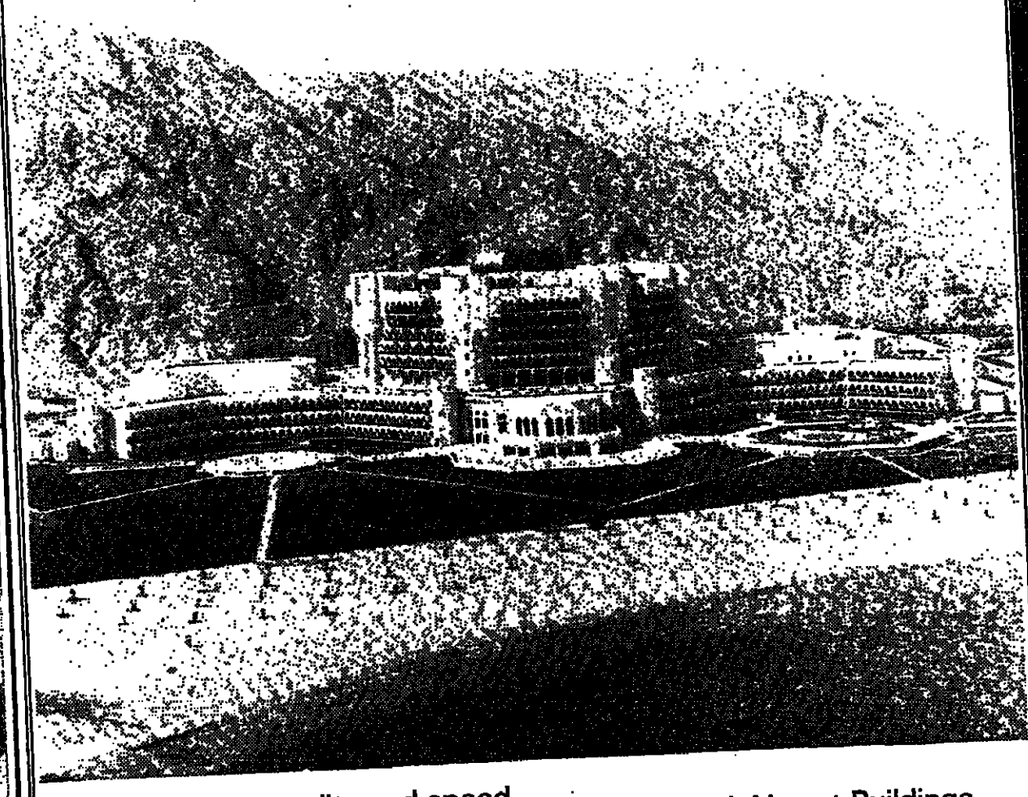


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Harvest time under the gun. The term Green Line takes on an ironic twist as a UN soldier guards farmworkers picking grapefruit in the still tense buffer zone between the Turkish northern zone and the Greek south

A vision of Europe's garden

AGRICULTURE

Cyprus has its eyes on every supermarket basket in Europe. It is convinced that the signing of the customs union agreement with the EEC will open up attractive new markets, realising Nicosia's vision of an expanding agricultural sector which could make the island Europe's Garden of the Mediterranean.

This is the time, it feels, to take advantage of an enviable climate, coupled with an imaginative programme of irrigation, and present an attractively-priced year-round basket of produce.

In spite of the loss of 80 per cent of the island's citrus fruit groves in the occupation and seven years of drought, the fruit and vegetable markets have never looked healthier. Potatoes, grapes, lemons and grapefruit are familiar Cyprus products in British shops, but the list is growing longer. Avocados, kiwi fruit, beans, beetroot, bananas and groundnuts are among the items on the counter.

This year the Cypriots have been taking a new look at the buying habits of the British shopper. A test marketing operation has been going on to find new openings and to judge reaction to Cyprus produce.

The intention is to launch an intensive promotion using a distinctive brand name to identify the source and link it with quality. An official at the Ministry of Commerce said: "We had a name we thought was right, but there were objections and talks are still going on to find the one that will work best for us".

Would Apollo, Aphrodite or Crusader mix with tomatoes, lettuce and onions? "You will have to wait and see. What is clear is that to take advantage of the customs union we have to offer Europe the right quality. With our climatic advantage we must look for the gaps in the market and provide the produce at a time when the western European nations cannot."

Although agriculture is not as labour intensive as it once was, about one in five workers are involved in it, and it accounts for a third of the value of exports.

Another man in search of a name is Panayiotis Psaras, chairman of the wine exporters' association and managing director of Keo, the leading winemaker. He believes that they were well ahead in detecting new tastes among young people who prefer the lighter, fruitier white wines — and they are fortunate in having the British sovereign bases on their doorstep for market testing.

But now they are after something more ambitious: nothing less than a new appellation to take on the Cabernet Sauvignons and Chardonnays of Bulgaria and Hungary. Growers have been consulted and advised to expand production of a particular variety of grape, both red and white, with the intention of creating a new regional name that will establish it as a wine of quality without reference to any other European variety.

Agriculture not so labour-intensive

"We have already had some success with the Japanese as well as Western European markets, and we want to expand," he says.

There is a saying that Cyprus has been bedevilled with two great problems: the occupation of the north and the shortage of water. However far off the solution of the first is likely to be, the second is well on the way.

The planners of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources went to work on the problem of how to provide water on tap when Cyprus is semi-arid and rainfall is unreliable and unevenly distributed between months and regions.

March and April are critical for certain crops. Low rainfall during these months can result in major crop failures and problems for livestock rearing. Cyprus has no year-round river resources; its rivers run high only in the period of melting snows on the Troodos range.

Dry farming predominates: cereals, grapes, olives, almonds and legumes. Yet the principal irrigated crops, covering only about a fifth of the total area of holdings, have a value of about 60 per cent of the total production. On average their value has been about ten times higher than produce from the rain-fed areas.

Among these high-value crops are potatoes and other vegetables, citrus fruits, table grapes and fruit trees such as apples, cherries, peaches and apricots.

So the trick was to catch whatever rain fell on Cyprus and provide the water wherever and whenever it was needed. The Water Development Department produced five projects. One was to harness three rivers for agriculture and water supplies for Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta.

The second was to provide irrigation to the north west, the third was a rural project north of Limassol, and the fourth the Paphos project providing on-demand sprinkler irrigation to a vast area in the west, promoting rapid expansion of banana cultivation in the coastal plain, avocados near the coast and kiwi fruits in the mountains.

All involved the creation of dams and alongside the water projects went integrated planning for the improvement of roads, schools, health and agricultural services aimed at enriching the villages.

The crowning glory, due to go into operation next year, is the C£200 million (about £244 million) Southern Conveyor Project, the largest water scheme ever carried out in Cyprus, which will collect and store surplus water and convey it along a 110km pipeline to Akhna dam in the east, with 20 pumping stations to carry water to the farms.

The key to the operation is the 5km long Kouris dam near Limassol. Water from the dam will meet domestic and industrial water demands until the year 2010 for Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and Nicosia.

All these projects will help provide the diversification that Cyprus needs to compete in Europe. Britain has been the traditional prime market for potatoes and table grapes, taking 80 per cent of exports. Now that the customs union will ease tariffs and levies, there is a need to exploit new markets.

Carrots, beetroot and peppers are targeted at French, Belgian and German shops. Already France is taking potatoes and grapefruit.

There is, however, a note of caution. The EEC agreement allows for the phased reciprocal elimination of import duties and of restrictions on certain products, with special arrangements for various exceptions. But in the 10-year countdown, problems are likely to be exposed.

Mr Psaras, already locked in a battle with the Spanish over their claim to the exclusive use of the name sherry, has initiated a complaint that Cyprus, which sends large amounts of grape concentrate to Britain, has been put at a disadvantage because Spain has been awarded a subsidy for her grape must, something that Cyprus, as a non-member of the EEC, does not qualify for.

Alan Jenkins

Better business, but fears still remain

INDUSTRY

Fierce competition, mainly from south-east Asia, shrinking markets and reduced orders painted a black picture for Cyprus's industry as 1986 drew to a close. Total exports of industrial products for 1986 netted only C£102,260,000 (about £125 million), down C£22,707,000 from 1985.

The island's principal industry, clothing and textiles, was the hardest hit, dropping to C£8,647,000 in 1986 from C£124,967,000 in 1985. Footwear, water-pumps and electrical switchgear, all major export items, showed a collective decline of C£7,580,000.

But the first half of 1987 shows some cause for optimism as certain categories have recorded an upswing in orders. Food, beverages and tobacco registered a 12.9 per cent increase, production of clothing and textiles was up 6.8 per cent, and furniture production crept up 3.4 per cent.

By contrast, paper products and chemical-related products recorded a decline of 1.4 per cent and 4.4 per cent respectively.

So the EEC customs union agreement, which comes into effect on January 1 and will open a window to Europe's 330 million potential consumers, is seen, unsurprisingly, as a golden opportunity for the island's flagging industry.

But fears remain among industrialists of competition within the domestic market from EEC imports and of entering an established and sophisticated market place.

Mr Panos Koutourousis, Director of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has called for a redirection and restructuring of industrial units to meet the challenges of entering the EEC. "First we must identify niches and build up our capabilities to fulfil market demand," he says.

His view is that industry, largely made up of small family-owned businesses, should increase its competitiveness by cooperation within industrial sectors, which will reduce capital expenditure, overheads and production costs.

Using the fledgling furniture industry as an example, he has proposed that by pooling resources to provide just one large shared showroom, and by jointly purchasing high-tech capital equipment to assist design and production techniques, the industry would reduce costs.

He argues that sharing marketing functions would also cut research duplication and strengthen promotion campaigns for all.

These suggestions, among others, were recommended in a commissioned report that came from a joint team from the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which made detailed studies of the island's industrial base.

An industrial sector which has been recouping its strength this year after the depressing figures for 1986 is ready to grasp the opportunity of joining the EEC customs union

The Industry Ministry is now digesting the information and, working through the Nicosia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will present the strategic findings to the private sector.

The move towards high-technology capital-intensive industry is seen as imperative for survival. Dr Jacovos Aristidou, director-general of the Planning Bureau, points out: "The field of technology must be firmly taken in by industry.

"Industry makes an important contribution to the economy. But this importance will decline if new challenges in European markets cannot be met. It is the long term we must plan for, and if industry is not a viable proposition under competitive conditions, it would be better to reduce the scale of this sector now."

Given that Cyprus, with an economically active population of 251,300, does not have vast resources of human labour, computerization of production lines and quality control systems makes sense.

What Cyprus does have is a high number of graduates seeking employment. The government wishes to create jobs which will help keep this highly educated and skilled new working generation in Cyprus.

This skilled labour force could easily handle the switching to office automation and factory computerization that perhaps the older generation find more difficult to accept.

One channel for effecting the necessary technology transfer for diversifying into high-tech capital-intensive industry has already been opened. The liberalization of the foreign investment code is an active encouragement to foreign companies of a high technological bias to set up in Cyprus.

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Cyprus is actively promoting itself to American companies in the hope that they will form joint ventures with Cypriots.

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In August, 1986, a small mission led by the Central Bank and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry visited America. Consultation with the Washington-based Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) resulted in an agreement on joint efforts to bring interested parties together.

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While the pound, the dollar and the other currencies have had their ups and downs on the world money market, the Veitch currency has remained in ever-increasing demand. Eurocoin tokens are used the world over and last year were largely responsible for the company's achieving a healthy £1.5 million turnover. More than 20 million tokens are issued annually.

Tom's two sons Nicholas and Colin, both directors, recently agreed a merger with another coin-mechanism company, Newmech – with Tom remaining as a director – effectively, they said, "uniting the two most established independent coin mechanism specialists in the business". The new group is to be called Newmech (UK).

The secret of Eurocoin's success is an ingenious but simple anti-fiddle system of tokens for automatic machines, anything from coffee vendors and weighing machines to children's rides and juke boxes which will block attempts by machine bandits to cheat by using old washers, filed down coins or the like.

The system, developed from an idea Mr Veitch saw in use abroad in the early-1970s, has taken off internationally and the tokens produced for him by a private mint at Birmingham are exported to about 40 countries.

Conventional tokens used in automatic equipment are far from cheat-proof. And they can be used in machines at premises other than where they were bought. When the latter happens, it results in revenue loss for the machine operator. He ends up with tokens which he has not sold to the machine user.



Tom Veitch: tokens into pounds

Mr Veitch's system banishes these problems. Eurocoin tokens are minted with combinations of grooves on their surface. Known as "keyed tokens", they will fit machines with a coin-entry point which corresponds to the grooves on only that equipment. The keyed-in coin entries are also supplied as part of the service.

In the UK alone, the company, which is based in New Barnet, north London, has thousands of regular customers. The business truly is a family affair for the Veitches: Tom's wife, Eileen, is also a director.

The company was actually established in 1971 to manufacture coin mechanisms for automatic machines. The tokens came later and now it deals also in a wide range of other coin equipment.

A new subsidiary called Casinocoin, specializing in supplying casino tokens, gaming machines and other product lines such as coin counting and wrapping machines to European casino operators, is doing well. The subsidiary, set up in August last year, seems set to show gross returns in its first year of operation which will be three times higher than those of the parent company.

Results due from new export drive

By Brian Collett

Thousands of small businesses are considering exporting their products as a result of a 10-week drive by the British Overseas Trade Board.

The board has spent £600,000 on an advertising campaign, due to end on Monday. It estimated there were about 12,000 businesses in Britain with an annual turnover of between £1 million and £10 million. Of these, 2,000 export more than 15 per cent of sales and 6,000 export little or nothing.

The board's primary targets are the remaining 4,000 "passive" exporters – those that will fulfil orders if they are offered but do not go looking for them.

This week Susie Franks, for the board, said hundreds of inquiries had been received every week of the campaign, many from businesses that had not previously exported. "In the period of the campaign we have had as many contacts as in a whole year," she said. "The total will be thousands by the time it ends. The important thing now is what they do about it. So far we are reasonably encouraged by the response."

The businesses that reply to the board's newspaper advertisements all receive an information pack and a tape giving case histories of small company exporters.

After the campaign finishes on Monday, the board will decide on ways to follow up the new contacts and help them with their export marketing.

The board had calculated that if the 4,000 so-called passive exporters could raise their overseas selling to 15 per cent of turnover, the resulting additional export revenue would be £5 billion, equivalent to almost half of Britain's non-oil trade deficit.

Sir James Cleminson, chairman of the board, says: "Too many companies with the capacity to export successfully are missing excellent business opportunities by default."

BRIEFING

■ The Government's Moss Side and Hulme Task Force in Manchester has launched a £31,000 enterprise competition, open to anyone over 18 who has a good self-employment business idea. The first prize is £10,000, plus £3,000 worth of advertising, the second £7,500 plus £2,000 of advertising, and the third £5,000, all donated by local industry and matched pound for pound by the task force. Applications are invited up to December 17.

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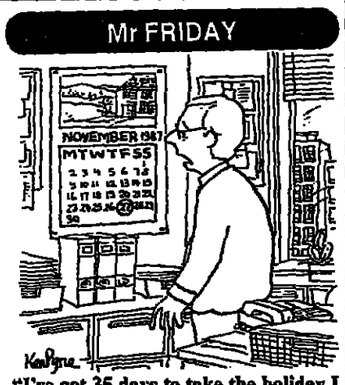
■ Three north-east companies are offering "pioneering" jobs to graduates who have a flair for marketing, particularly overseas. The three – one doing heavy industrial business with countries behind the iron curtain, the second producing domestic gas appliances and the third specializing in professional audio equipment – are all taking part in an export teaching programme run by the small business centre at Durham University Business School.

The graduates will not be directly employed by the firms but by the university. They could become permanent staff members at the end of the two-year secondment. Durham says the qualities needed are commercial acumen and qualifications relevant to the job – marketing, business, languages.

Bill Ferguson, director of the programme says: "Because all of the firms are small, the graduates will also have to muck in when it's needed."

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Mr FRIDAY



"I've got 35 days to take the holiday I promised myself on January 1"

Holborn's Prudential to be refurbished

The London headquarters of the Prudential Corporation in Holborn, with its grand red Victorian facade, one of the best-known buildings in central London, is to undergo a £95 million facelift to secure its future as a top business centre. The Pru is soon to submit an application for planning permission and listed-building consent for the Grade II* listed building with the Borough of Camden and the Corporation of London for the refurbishment and redevelopment of the group of buildings.

The proposals, to provide 750,000 sq ft of offices, encompass the listed building designed by Alfred Waterhouse, which will be retained, and for two other buildings to the rear.

A planning decision is expected in the middle of next year which, if successful, would enable work to begin in mid-1989 with completion scheduled for early 1993. The Pru said that thpugh Waterhouse provided a unified facade to the main buildings, the piecemeal development was the cause of the problems the firm is seeking to overcome with its plans.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman

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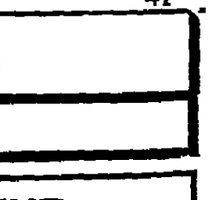
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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(IN BANKRUPTCY)
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 6295 OF 1987
Take notice that I, the undersigned, Nigel Hamilton-Smith, of Morton Thornton and Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of the above Bankrupt's Estate at a meeting of creditors held on 19th October 1987.
Dated 19th November 1987
NIGEL HAMILTON-SMITH
TRUSTEE

IN THE MATTER OF INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
DYNAMICS (LONDON) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Sinclair and Company, Alpert Building, 49 Queen Victoria Street, LONDON EC4N 4SA on Monday, 30 November 1987, at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company Creditor's may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Sinclair & Company, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 27 and 28 November 1987
Dated this 16th day of November 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
MRS. A CONBOY
DIRECTOR

DAVID BAILEY
WALL COVERINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EAST BOURNE TERRACE (SECOND FLOOR) LONDON W2 6LF on Friday the 4th day of December 1987 at 12.00 o'clock midday for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of the said ACT. KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 3rd December 1987
Dated the 16th day of November 1987
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DATED 23RD NOVEMBER 1987

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 006615 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF TIKKURILA HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the winding up of the above-named Company was on the 10th day of November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 7th day of December 1987
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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 25th day of November 1987.
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St Paul's Churchyard
LONDON EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above-named Company
(426)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 006510 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987-88

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Work No.1 - A railway (271 metres in length) at Battersea, being a spur on to land adjoining the disused Battersea Power Station;
In the metropolitan borough of Rotherham, South Yorkshire -
Works Nos 2 and 2A - A railway (846 metres in length) and a diversion of Roundwood Brook at Kilnhurst;
In the borough of Restormel, Cornwall -
Works Nos. 3 and 3A - a railway (2975 metres in length) in the parishes of St. Dennis and St. Enoder and an access road in the parish of St. Enoder;
In the borough of Ashford, Kent -
Work No 4 - A railway (950 metres in length), being partly in the parish of Sevington, adjoining the railway between Ashford and Folkestone;
In the district of West Dorset, Dorset -
Work No 5 - A railway (1390 metres in length) at Yeovil Junction in the parish of Bradford Abbas;
In the district of Montgomeryshire, Powys -
Work No 6 - A railway (1034 metres in length) in the community of Welshpool, being a deviation of the railway between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth;
In the city of Lincoln, Lincolnshire -
Work No 7 - a footbridge at High Street, Lincoln

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, including provision of a railway station at Battersea in connection with Work No. 1 (with power to enter into agreements with the owner or lessee for the time being of the site thereof for its construction, maintenance and operation) and a railway station and car park at Welshpool in connection with Work No 6; the construction and operation of a level crossing over Whitegate in connection with Work No. 5 and relief of certain obligations with respect to that work; and general powers to stop up permanently or temporarily roads, bridleways and footpaths with or without substitutes, and for the appropriation of sites of certain roads, bridleways and footpaths so stopped up.
3. Power to fill in part of Roundwood Brook (Kilnhurst); power to stop up the footpath carried by a footbridge over the railway adjacent to High Street level crossing (Lincoln) and an adjacent private road to a cellular traffic, part of the footpath between Sevington and Canterbury Road (Ashford), a part of the footpath between Snailwell Road, Snailwell, and Newmarket at Snailwell Junction in the district of East Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire, and part of the footpath between Hemsworth and South Kirkby at South Kirkby, West Yorkshire, and to provide new footpaths at Snailwell Junction also partly in the district of Forest Heath, Suffolk) in place of the parts so stopped up, power to stop up the private road and to narrow that part of the footpath at North Elmsall, West Yorkshire flanking Elmsall Lodge Farm with the bridleway between Hemsworth and South Kirkby which is carried by a bridge over the Pontefract Baghill to Moorthorpe railway in connection with the reconstruction of that bridge; and power to stop up Skeeton level crossing, Silkton, West Yorkshire, Bloomhill Road level crossing, Thorne, South Yorkshire, and Little Bawden Junction level crossing, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, subject in certain cases for pedestrian use.
4. Power for the Board to enter into agreements with Cambridgeshire County Council concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Chesterton in substitution for Mere Way level crossing and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of the new crossing and for the stopping up of Mere Way Crossing
5 Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Tarn Gate level crossing, Thormton, Lancashire.
6 Purchase of land or rights over land in the areas of the proposed works referred to in paragraph 1 above (including land at Yeovil Junction in the parish of Clifton Maybank and at St. Dennis and Kilnhurst for the provision of access) and at Snailwell Junction and South Kirkby referred to in paragraph 5 above and also in the metropolitan borough of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and at Rayleigh, in the districts of Basildon and Rochford, Essex; temporary possession or use of, and access over, land in that borough and in those districts and at Sevington (Ashford). Special provisions as to entry and compensation and general provisions for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used
7. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of certain land or rights over land at Ringway, Manchester, authorised to be purchased by the British Railways Act 1984.
8 Relief from obligations of the Board to maintain three bridges over the river Witham, in the city of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, as swing or lifting bridges
9 Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows:-

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Metropolitan borough of Barnsley Metropolitan borough of Rotherham	Director of Administration, Town Hall, Barnsley; The Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Civic Building, Walker Place, Rotherham.

In the case of the borough of Restormel a similar deposit has also made at the Sub-Post Office, Fore Street, St. Dennis.

On and after 4th December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 60p each at the above mentioned offices of the Chief Executive, Restormel Borough Council, Borough Secretary and Solicitor, Ashford Borough Council, and Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, and at the offices of the Director of Planning Montgomeryshire District Council, at Council Offices, Severn Road, Welshpool; at the ticket office at Rayleigh, Wimslow and Yeovil Junction railway stations, at the British Railways Travel Centre at Cambridge and Lincoln Central railway stations, at the Administration Office, Platform 4, Stockport railway station, at the offices of the following firms of Solicitors, namely, Messrs. Barnes, Sarney & Taylor, 140 High Street, Rayleigh, Messrs. Bury & Walkers, Permanent Building, Regent Street, Barnsley, Messrs Ennions, 90 High Street, Newmarket, and Messrs Mowll & Barker, 11 Market Street, Hemsworth, at Battersea Park Public Library, Battersea Park Road, and the Reference Library in Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill; at the Sub-Post Office, Fore Street, St. Dennis, and at each of the undermentioned offices

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1988, if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1988. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Solicitor or Parliamentary Agents.

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987 88

SAINT BENNET FINK BURIAL GROUND

(CITY OF LONDON)

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament by Eagle Star Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:

To ensure that the existence of the premises 1 to 4 Threadneedle Street in the city of London constitutes no breach of "the restrictions" being those in section 17 of the Act of 1842 (5 & 6 Vict. c.97) or other restraints existing concerning consecration) attaching to the site of the former church and disused burial ground of St Bennet Fink ("the burial ground") forming part of the Royal Exchange Piazza and open space adjoining Threadneedle Street and Finch Lane) as a burial ground, open space or disused burial ground under the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884

To free those premises and a portion of the burial ground from such of the said restrictions as may exist and as necessary for redevelopment of 1 to 4 Threadneedle Street, and in certain circumstances to provide for parts of the site of those premises to become part of the open space of the said burial ground and to be added thereto. A net approximate 30.8 square metres (331 square feet) of that open space is proposed to be used for the said redevelopment.

To make provision incidental to or consequential upon the foregoing.

A plan showing the lands affected by the Bill has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords and in the Private Bill office of the House of Commons.

On and after the 4th day of December 1987 copies of the said plan will be available for public inspection at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents. The Remembrancer of the Corporation of London, The Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ and of the Companies Threadneedle Street, London, EC2

On and after the 4th day of December 1987 a printed copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of 50p for each copy at the respective offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February, 1988. If the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January, 1988 if it originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987 88

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CENTRE FROM BUCKINGHAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the International Management Centre from Buckingham Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") under the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1 To incorporate the Company as the International Management Centre from Buckingham (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre");
2 To set out the objects of the Centre;
3 To grant subsidiary powers to the Centre subject to the objects of the Centre,
4 To enable the Centre to charge fees,
5 To enable the Centre to award degrees of membership
6 To provide a Council an Academic Board and a Court of Honorary Membership of the Centre,
7 To enable the Centre to make by-laws, regulations and ordinances,
8 To authorise the Centre to invest money;
9 To transfer all property, privileges, liabilities, agreements, appointments, awards, controls, deeds and bequests from the Company to the Centre;
10 To make provision with respect to contracts of employment,
11 To enact further provisions incidental to or consequential upon the above mentioned purposes,

On and after 4th December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of £1 each at the office of the International Management Centre from Buckingham, Castle Street, Buckingham MK18 1BS, at the offices of Messrs. Balfour & Manson, 58 Frederick Street Edinburgh EH2 at the offices of Messrs. L'Estrange & Brett, 7/8 Charlotte Street, Bedford MK40 2JG and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1988; if the Bill originates in the House of Lords the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments will be 6th February 1988. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Solicitor or Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 27th day of November 1987

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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1987 88
IMPERIAL COLLEGE

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament by the University of London Imperial College of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "Imperial College") and St Mary's Hospital Medical School (hereinafter referred to as "the Medical School") for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1 To unite the Medical School with Imperial College
2 To transfer to Imperial College all rights, properties and liabilities of the Medical School,
3 To provide that bequests or other benefits in favour of the Medical School shall on and after 1st August 1988 apply in favour of Imperial College,
4 To provide for various powers or rights of the Medical School to terminate members of certain bodies to be transferred to Imperial College,
5 To make provision with respect to the administration and management of certain funds relating to Imperial College
6 To enact provisions incidental to or consequential upon the above mentioned purposes

On and after the 4th day of December 1987 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of 50p each at the Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London SW7 2AZ and St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG, and at the offices of the undersigned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The last date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1988 if it originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords or the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 27th day of November 1987

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LEGAL NOTICES

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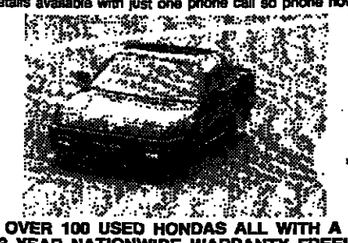
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Hyundai moves into top gear

It is only 12 years since the first South Korean car, the Hyundai Pony, came off the production line at a British-supervised factory built on reclaimed swamp land near Ulsan on the east coast. Today that one plant is operating near its maximum capacity of 750,000 cars a year – 300,000 more than Austin-Rover will produce this year.

Remarkable as that growth is, it is overshadowed by further massive expansion already begun. An assembly plant will open in Canada next year with the ability to build 100,000 cars a year by 1990. A similar plant is earmarked for the USA to counter the growing protectionist lobby, angered by reports that Hyundai has set its sights on 400,000 US sales a year.



Stellar saloon: based on the well-tried Cortina design

In addition, land has been bought on the West Coast of Korea for a second home-based factory and Hyundai bosses are forecasting world-wide production of over one million cars a year by 1990 and two million by 1995. Little wonder that European car makers are getting jumpy about this new invader from the east.

They have good cause, as I found when I re-visited Ulsan after 10 years. It is not just the mind-boggling expansion which has taken place but the next generation of larger, upmarket cars now in advanced stages of development.

The first, a modern wedge-shaped executive saloon powered by a range of 2-3 litre fuel injected engines, will reach Britain in little over a year's time.

Until now, Hyundai has concentrated on making strong, reliable "entry level" cars like the Pony and the larger Stellar, based on the old Ford Cortina design.

Hyundai Motors began life assembling Cortinas using kits exported from Britain. Because of their lack of sophistication and small sales here, these cars have not aroused much opposition to their special quota-free status as exports from a developing country.

That could change quickly, however, as they move upmarket in size and technology. Then we could see a repetition of the storm which led to Japanese imports being retricted to 11 per cent of the British market and even more tightly controlled in Italy and France.

With foreign cars facing punitive taxes which triple their retail price effectively barring them from South Korea, Hyundai will eventually have to follow Nissan's example and build a European plant. Britain appears to be first choice site.

Hyundai sales here are controlled by International Motors, the West Bromwich based group headed by Bob Edmiston, who also imports Subaru and Isuzu cars from Japan.

Started only six years ago, Hyundai sales here will reach 10,400 units this year with a target of 25,000 by 1990. There are currently 200 dealers, with plans to recruit another 50.

When the marque was launched here, the range consisted of the rear-wheel drive Pony hatchback with three or five doors. A pick-up was added later. The larger Stellar came in 1984 and a year later the Pony was redesigned for front-wheel drive.

Today's line-up is 1.6 Stellar (four versions), Pony 1.3 three-door hatchback (two versions), Pony 1.3 and 1.5 four-door saloons (three versions) and Pony 1.3 and 1.5 five-door hatchbacks (four versions) together with Pony pick-up. They are all very competitively priced, starting at £4,499 and rising to £7,698.

So far, the US and Canada have born the brunt of Hyundai's export drive – 80,000 last year in Canada, and 168,000 in the first nine months of 1987 in the US.

In comparison, Europe is still virgin territory and looking ever more attractive to the Koreans. Hyundai's forecast UK sales this year of 10,400 will account for 40 per cent of all Hyundai's sold in Europe.

British car specialists played a key role in setting-up the South Korean motor industry. Mr George Turnbull, who had just resigned as managing director of state-owned BMC, was head hunted to collect a team of six senior engineers to supervise the construction of the Ulsan plant and develop the first all-Korean car, the Pony.

The primitive test track they laid out was so tough it produced one of the strongest cars in the world. Today Ulsan's modern, banked test track is the equal of any in the West, and the prototype cars circulating on it are light years away from the first "tank"-like Pony.

Today Mr Turnbull is chairman of the Inchcape Group. One of his companies is responsible for all Toyota imports to Britain. But never in his wildest dreams could he have anticipated that his Korean "baby" would one day be set to challenge Japan in world markets.



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SCHOOLS RUGBY

Epsom show a solid base

By Michael Stevenson

It would be interesting to know how many schools still possess both unbeaten first and second teams. Epsom can claim this distinction, the nearest their first team has come to defeat being their 12-12 draw with Harrow early in the season.

Their friends and neighbours, St John's, Leatherhead, succumbed 8-7 but Epsom's most recent victory (0-16) at St Paul's was far more decisive. RFU records confirm that both schools have been subscribing to the RFU since 1871 and this year they renewed fixtures, which had lapsed in 1894.

Epsom scored three tries in the Barnes mud, the best of the three being the culmination of excellent handling and sustained pressure: Jason Hoad, the England 18 group stand-off half, was the scorer. Epsom will do well to maintain their unbeaten record until the term's end, as they still have to meet King's, Canterbury, who have only lost to Tonbridge and the undefeated Wellington (Berks).

Bloxham are having a great season, losing narrowly to Warwick (9-6), winning every other match and earning a points tally of: for, 282, against, 43 from 13 wins in14 matches. Their most recent victories have been against Dean Close (12-0), King Edward VI, Stratford (59-0) and Bromsgrove (13-11). The front five have played excellently.

Bromsgrove have lost twice to schools: against Trent (9-20) and the Bloxham match, in which both sides scored two tries. They ran things fine, however, against Ellesmere to win 11-8, through a penalty awarded for what the losers regarded as relatively mild dissent. James Reed-Daunter has been playing magnificently at full back.

Two early draws, againstStonyhurst (0-0) and St Anselm's (3-3), were followed by defeat for Rossall (0-14) by Rydal, but an enjoyable half-term tour of the Isle of Man, in which they lost (3-11) to Pontypool College in the final of the King William's Festival, brought welcome improvement. Perhaps Rossall's best win to date was their 25-3 victory against RGS Lancaster.

Durham and RGS Newcastle had only lost to Ampleforth, which added flavour to their recent hard match, won by Durham (13-9). Durham, who conceded an interception try, were out-scrummaged but were much stronger outside the scrum. King's, Taunton, have lost twice, 6-7 to Sherborne and 8-12 to Christ's Brecon, scoring 117 and conceding 44 points.

Jonathan Rendall dares to look into the eyes of the whirlwind



The genuine article staring you in the face: Benn dreams of cornering the world (Photograph: Andrew Palmer)

No ifs or buts about Benn

Punchers have people believing anything. Followers of Nigel Benn already believe him to be the next middleweight champion of the world. After Benn knocked out Ian Chantler, ranked No. 7 in Britain, in 16 seconds of the first round on Tuesday, even the experts are tacitly acknowledging the arrival in our midst of an infrequent visitor: the genuine prospect.

Chantler, a normally durable fighter from Liverpool, boxes as a southpaw and was no doubt expecting the traditional response to such unorthodox in the form of a left hook. Instead, as he prodded out the right jab in the manner of a postman nonchalantly reaching for the doorbell, he was met by a right hook which delivered him to unconsciousness with the message that more savage guard dogs do not attack only through the front door.

It will not worry Benn that one Jackie Cain achieved a similar feat four and a half seconds quicker in 1922. Benn says simply: "I threw the hook over the jab. I am not interested in records." The hook gave him his eighth first-round victory and eleventh consecutive stoppage in as many bouts.

Benn is, in stature and style if not yet in achievement, a middleweight Mike Tyson. His short-range, slashing punches, thrown from the hip, constitute what is termed the "American" approach, anathema to the purists but a tonic to realists chastened by the demise of McGuigan, Honeyghan, Marsh and Andries. The Americans, it should be remembered, still tend to view British boxing as an exercise in jabbing, moving and falling over.

When, in his ninth bout, Benn felled Ronnie Yeo, of the United States, with a right cross thrown straight across the chest, even the purists took note. As A. J. Leibling once observed, Rocky Marciano never learnt that punch until he beat Jersey Joe Walcott for the title. Benn can knock you out with the left hook, too, a portfolio which convinces his manager, Burt McCarthy, that "Nigel will need three guys just to count his money — or weigh it."

Benn, aged 23, of West Ham, first attracted attention in May by stopping Winston Burnett, a journeyman light-heavyweight who had been floored only once in 84 bouts. Benn destroyed Burnett, repeated the dose five months later, and in doing so contributed to that fascinating and irrelevant art: the form-line. For Frank Tate, the International Boxing Federation world champion, had struggled through eight rounds with Burnett in March.

Three weeks ago the Tate camp requested Benn's services as a sparring partner in Houston, but he is unlikely to make the trip. "I've got to clean up Britain first," he says.Benn served in the Royal Fusiliers in West Germany and Northern Ireland and it was there that he learned how to take a punch, courtesy of a sergeant-major who was also inclined to play percussion on his lips with a drill stick. He "loved the Army".

In the amateurs, where he won an ABA title in 1986, Benn bore the shaven-skulled look, but once baldness went out of fashion with Marvin Hagler's defeat by Sugar Ray Leonard he decided to grow his hair. Now he sports a mohican and his intimidating appearance is enhanced by the admission that "hatred and spite" fuel his boxing ambitions. "I get worried when a guy goes down," he says. "In case he doesn't get up for me to hit him again."

Now that television has caught on to Benn's potential, the problem for McCarthy is who to match him with. "I don't want to fight any more Mexican roadsweepers," Benn says, confirming his intention to do the cleaning up himself. "And I don't want to be rushed either. I'll go for the British title in about 10 months."

The British champion, Tony Sibson, has employed Benn as a sparring partner and says he reminds him of his own days as a prospect. For the moment, Benn fills in for Sibson, who has a damaged shoulder, at the Albert Hall on December 2, just nine days after the Chantler bout.

His American opponent, Kenny Snow, is a useful boxer but even that patron of the round-by-round wager, Gary Davidson, might be inclined to lay off any bets taken on Benn putting Snow in the cold during those first three perilous minutes.

ICE SKATING

Conway given every chance to learn her art

By John Hennessy

The British figure skating team for the three international championships after Christmas — in Prague (European), Calgary (Olympic) and Budapest (world) — faithfully follows the results of the national championships at Lee Valley this week.

Those selected to compete in all three are Joanne Conway, Paul Robinson and, in the pairs, Cheryl Peake with Andrew Naylor and Lisa Cushley with her brother, Neil. Britain is entitled to a second entry in the women's solo events in Calgary and Budapest, and that place goes to Gina Fulton, runner-up to Miss Conway this week.

If Miss Conway, the apparent jewel in the British crown at present, was something of a disappointment in Wednesday night's free skating, it would be cruel to be unduly censorious. For all her maturity of appearance and bearing, she is still only 16, and there are oceans of time before she reaches her probable peak in time for the 1992 Olympics. Those same remarks apply equally to Miss Fulton.

In any case, the conditions that led to Miss Conway's lack of sparkle on Wednesday should not be repeated at the major event. She felt unfit, "heavy in the legs," at Lee Valley a legacy from having to depart from her usual training routine.

Ordinarily, her teacher, Christa Fassi, explained, she would run through her entire programme every day, but that had not been possible for nearly a week at Lee Valley. She had also, of course, to cope with an eight-hour time difference between Colorado, where she is now based, and London.

Although Miss Fulton's Canadian teacher, Peter Dunfield, took a different view about concentrated training immediately before an event, there is powerful support for Mrs Fassi's theory. Torvill and Dean virtually pioneered daily runs-through of ice dance programmes, not only at home but at every official practice at international events.

Miss Conway showed in the recent Skate Canada competition that the quality to reach the very top is there, and she reinforced that claim brilliantly in the short programme at Lee Valley.

Let us not be in too great a hurry. This is a season for laying important foundations. Next year we might hope to see her crowned as European champion — here in Britain as the international calendar would have it.

TABLE TENNIS

A record at Thornaby

English table tennis, which this season has shown signs of a long-awaited upturn, received another big boost yesterday with the announcement of the largest amount of prize-money in the sport's history, for the match between Europe and Asia, at Thornaby Pavilion, Cleveland, on January 16 and 17 (a Special Correspondent writes).

The prize fund, said to be around £28,000, is part of a far bigger sum, probably about £100,000, being put up by the Leeds Permanent Building Society. Nine of the top men in the world and six of the leading women will take part, along with wild card entries from six men and four women from Britain.

It will be the most important table tennis event in the world before next year's Olympic Games, and certainly the biggest and best in this country since the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham.

All the competitors in the match are expected to stay on for the English Open in Brighton, from January 20 to 23.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Alleyn's add to season's success

By George Chesterton

In beating Brentwood 4-2, Alleyn's achieved their ninth success of the season; their other three games were drawn. They have conceded only 12 goals and scored 56. In this match Pass was first to score for Alleyn's when he headed home from an excellent cross; an own goal made the score 1-1 at half-time. Humber and Harrison each scored early in the second half, and although Northwood pulled a goal back for Brentwood, Chase put the issue beyond doubt five minutes from time.

Bradfield beat Lancing 3-1. Bradfield had much of the possession. Wood scored after half an hour and again with a long shot just after the interval. Merlino came back with a good individual goal for Lancing, but 10 minutes from the end Lauder fired home a long shot.

Eton, visiting Aldenham, won by the same margin. They were one up at half-time and Trusted put them two ahead early in the second half. Aldenham pulled one back but Petre dashed any hopes the home team had of squaring the match with Eton's third.

Charterhouse and Shrewsbury battled to a gripping 1-1 draw. Shrewsbury scored first early in the second half when Winn headed home a corner and Gorman equalized for Charterhouse in a similar manner 10 minutes from time.

Northern Independent Schools proved too strong for their Southern counterparts at Wolverhampton, winning 6-0; a fact which has been reflected in the team selected to play at Roehampton on December 17.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FA (to play Hertfordshire at Roehampton on December 17): R Williamson (Repton); D Lake (Highgate), M Speckman (Brentwood), M Boden (Bolton GS), M Jones (King's, Chester), J Pearson (Wolverhampton GS), D Owen (Bolton GS), J Wood (Bradfield), J Duckett (Queen Elizabeth GS, Blackburn), D Tragen (Manchester GS), J Nolan (Hulme GS).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League Fourth division

Halifax v Crewe
Stockport v Colchester
Tranmere v Newport

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Budweiser Floodlit Cup: First round: Bangor v Ards; Crusaders v Carrick; Distillery v Linfield; Larne v Glenavon; Newry v Ballymena.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: South Wales Police v Bridgend (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Barrow v Whitehaven.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton v Vauxhall challenge (at Torbay).

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Derby v Portsmouth (8.0).

HOCKEY: Women's Home International indoor championships (at Crystal Palace).

SNOOKER: Tennents UK championship (at Preston).

SQUASH RACKETS: Scottish closed championships (at Edinburgh); Cleveland open championship (at Stockton race course); University match: Oxford v Cambridge (at RAC, Pall Mall, 4.30).

TENNIS: Junior championships (at Bramhall).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: World Series, second game: St Louis Cardinals v Minnesota Twins. ITV: 4.55 a.m. (tomorrow).

GO FOR GOAL: Essex v Hertfordshire: Knockout competition for leisure centres from the Fountain centre, Brentford. ITV: 11.30 p.m.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: Snooker: Semi-final stage in the Tennents United Kingdom championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 2.15-4.0 p.m.

SNOOKER: Tennents United Kingdom championship. Further coverage of the semi-finals from Preston. BBC2: 4.30, 8.0 and 11.30 p.m. (see also Sport on Friday).

Court of Appeal — Law Report November 27 1987 — House of Lords

No duty of care to benefit claimant

Jones v Department of Employment

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Caulfield

[Judgment November 26]

The correctness of a decision made by a social security adjudication officer could be challenged by statutory process of appeal, or by way of judicial review, but the adjudication officer owed no duty of care at common law to a claimant, and no cause of action in negligence accordingly lay against him.

The principle that the court in hearing an appeal would not allow points not raised below to be argued before it did not apply to an application to strike out a pleading as disclosing no cause of action.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the Department of Employment from Mr Recorder Stembridge at Oxford County Court who had refused to strike out, as disclosing no cause of action, a claim for negligence made against them by Martin Jones.

Mr John Laws for the department; Mr Alexander Hill-Smith for Mr Jones.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the plaintiff had ceased work in June 1984 and on July 17 he made a claim for unemployment benefit. The claim was disallowed by the adjudication officer and his appeal to the Social Security Appeal Tribunal was allowed, his unemployment benefit being backdated to July 17.

In March 1986 he began proceedings in Oxford County Court, claiming damages for loss allegdly caused by the negligence of the department, and of their employee, the adjudication officer.

The plaintiff alleged that the adjudication officer had been negligent in reaching his decision to disallow the claim, and that the department was itself negligent in failing to review that decision once further evidence had been put to it by his solicitor.

In April 1986 the department applied to strike out the proceedings as disclosing no cause of action, under Order 13, rule 5 of the County Court Rules 1981.

The application was refused and the department appealed, inter alia, on the following grounds: (i) that section 117 of the Social Security Act 1975 excluded any right of action at common law for alleged negligence in making a decision by an adjudication officer; (ii) that an adjudication officer owed no duty at common law to a person whose claim he was considering, the breach of which would found an action for negligence; (iii) the adjudication officer's duties were of a judicial nature and the department was accordingly protected from suit by section 2(5) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947.

Before hearing the substantive appeal, the court considered and ruled on an objection taken by Mr Hill-Smith on behalf of Mr Jones that neither of the first two points had been raised in the court below. He based the objection on the long-standing practice derived from *Smith v Baker & Sons* ([1891] AC 325).

His Lordship referred to passages from the speeches of Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, at p333 and of Lord Herschell at p358. He also referred to *dicta* of Sir Raymond Evershed, Master of the Rolls, in *United Dominions Trust Ltd v Bycroft* ([1954] 1 WLR 1345, 1350-1351) and to *dicta* of Lord Justice Willmer and Lord Justice Diplock in *Oscroft v Benabo* ([1967] 1 WLR 1087, 1091-1092, 1098-1099).

Mr Laws' main argument was that the principle in *Smith v Baker & Sons* did not apply to an application to strike out a pleading as disclosing no cause of action. He pointed out that one reason given for the existence of the rule was that if the points had been put below the opposing party might well have sought leave to call additional evidence to meet them.

Where, in his Lordship's view, what was in issue was whether a pleading disclosed a reasonable cause of action, no question of fact or evidence arose. Accordingly there was no reason why an argument not raised below might not be advanced on appeal, provided that the opposing party had had sufficient time to consider the point.

Turning to the substantive appeal, his Lordship considered the relevant legislation in the Social Security Act 1975 as amended. He set out the provisions relating to entitlement to unemployment benefit and to the submitting of claims to the adjudication officer for his determination.

Section 100(1) provided that an aggrieved claimant might appeal to the Social Security Appeal Tribunal and by section 101(1) he might appeal further to the commissioner. Section 117 provided that subject to appeals from the commissioner on points of law the decision of any claim or question in accordance with the Act should be final.

With regard to the question whether the adjudication officer was discharging duties of a judicial nature, Mr Hill-Smith submitted that he was not; that such duties involved a contest between two parties resolved by some sort of judicial process, whereas the adjudication officer was making a decision on a claim made by one party.

For support of that argument he referred to *dicta* of Lord Justice Diplock in *R v Deputy Industrial Injuries Commissioner, Ex parte Moore* ([1965] 1 QB 456, 486).

His Lordship agreed with the submission and concluded that the adjudication officer was not discharging responsibilities of a judicial nature.

Mr Laws submitted that if there were a right of action in negligence against the department either in respect of its own or the adjudication officer's negligence, the plaintiff would inevitably be challenging the correctness of the decision. That, he said, was contrary to section 117 of the Act.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Laws was right. If the present action were to proceed it would necessarily involve a challenge to the correctness of the adjudication officer's decision, and that would be a challenge to its finality, by a route other than that provided by the statutory provisions. In his Lordship's view, that was prohibited by section 117 of the 1975 Act. He would accordingly allow the appeal on that ground.

Mr Laws' second ground was that the duty of the adjudication officer lay in the field of public law, and was only enforceable by way of the statutory appeal procedure or by way of the public-law remedy of judicial review. There was, he submitted, no remedy available to the applicant in private law as opposed to public law.

Mr Hill-Smith submitted that the relationship between the adjudication officer and the claimant to unemployment benefit was sufficiently close to give rise to a duty of care, within the meaning of the *dicta* in recent decisions which had extended the boundaries of the laws of negligence.

His Lordship then referred to *dicta* of Lord Bridge in *Curran v Northern Ireland Co-ownership Housing Association* ([1987] 2 WLR 1043, 1047); to *dicta* of Lord Wilberforce in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728, 751); to comments of Lord Keith in *Yuen Kun Yeu v Attorney General of Hong Kong* ([1987] 776, 783) and to *dicta* of Lord Keith in *Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Sir Lindsay Parkinson Ltd* ([1985] AC 210, 240).

His Lordship said that the question was thus whether taking all the circumstances into account it was just and reasonable that the adjudication officer should be under a duty of care at common law to the claimant to benefit.

Having regard to the non-judicial nature of his responsibilities and in particular to the statutory framework which provided for a right of appeal, it was his Lordship's view that the adjudication officer was not under any common-law duty of care. He agreed with Mr Laws that that officer's decision was not susceptible of challenge at common law unless it were to be shown that he had been guilty of misfeasance. He would therefore allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Slade and Mr Justice Caulfield delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: DHSS Solicitor; Linnells, Oxford.

Limit to slip rule

G A Verdegaal & Zonen Export BV v Pullen

The slip rule, Order 20, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, although not limited to clerical errors in drawing up an order of the court and having been extended to cover accidental slips and omissions of counsel, had never been extended to a situation where a defendant failed to inform his solicitor what his defence was.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) so held on November 18 in dismissing the appeal of the defendant, Mr Nigel Vernon Pullen, against the decision of Mr Justice Potts on October 22, 1986, when in a hearing in chambers he ordered that the defendant's appeals against the orders of Master Creightmore of May 8, 1986, ordering judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of £11,066 and of Master Turner of June 17, 1986, refusing to order that judgment to be set aside and for the defendant to have leave to file an amended defence and counterclaim, be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the submission that the rule covered all mistakes whatever their nature could not be accepted, and was contrary to at least three recent decisions of the court: see *R v Cripps, Ex parte Muldoon* ([1984] QB 686), *Mutual Shipping Corporation v Bayshore Shipping Co Ltd* ([1985] 1 WLR 625) and *Food Corporation of India v Marastro Cia Naviera SA* ([1986] 2 Lloyd's Rep 209).

Determining if tenancy is low rent

Dixon v Allgood

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman and Lord Ackner

[Speeches November 26]

Where a tenant reconstructed two semi-detached cottages, one being rated first on May 9, 1966 at £42 and the second on February 6, 1967 at £34, and subsequently built five garages rated in 1971 at £24, the question whether his tenancy was one at a low rent was to be determined in relation to the aggregate rateable value of the two cottages excluding the garages and he was not entitled to purchase the freehold under the provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the tenant, Mr James Dixon, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade and Mr Justice Waite) who on November 5, 1986 allowed an appeal by the landlord, Mr Lancelot Guy Allgood, from Judge H. G. Hall at Hexham County Court.

Section 4(1) of the 1967 Act provides: "... a tenancy of any property is a tenancy at a low rent at any time when rent is not payable under the tenancy in respect of the property at a yearly rate equal to or more than two-thirds of the rateable value of the property on the appropriate day ...".

Mr Michael Gadd for Mr Dixon; Mr Nigel Hague, QC and Mr John Fryer Spedding for Mr Allgood.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the 1967 Act enabled a tenant occupying a dwelling-house as his residence under a long lease at a low rent to acquire the freehold of the house and premises.

By a lease of 1964 for 51 years Mr Dixon's rent for the two cottages and six acres of land had been £52 a year, subsequently reduced after compulsory purchase of a small part of the land to £51.44.

Mr Dixon had reconstructed one of the cottages, Riverside Cottage, for which a rateable value had first been shown in the valuation list on May 9, 1966 at £42. He had occupied it as his residence.

Then he had reconstructed the second cottage, Riverside Cottage East, and sublet it. It had first appeared in the valuation list on February 6, 1967, at £34.

Subsequently, he had constructed the garage building on the forecourt of the cottages. That had first been rated on December 22, 1971 at £24.

In 1977, Mr Dixon had obtained vacant possession of Riverside Cottage East and, as the judge had held, converted the cottages into one dwelling-house, which he called Riverside Cottages and occupied as his residence.

By his notice under the 1967 Act claiming to purchase the freehold, Mr Dixon had claimed that the rateable value of the cottages and premises at the relevant date had been £100.

It was conceded that "the premises" included about half an acre comprising the driveway, garden and forecourt with the garages.

The judge had held that Mr Dixon was entitled to acquire the freehold because his rent of £51.44 was less than two-thirds of £100, the aggregate rateable value of the cottages and the garages.

The Court of Appeal had held that he was not entitled to do so because the rent was more than the aggregate rateable value of the cottages excluding the garages, namely £76.

If the "appropriate day" fell before December 22, 1971, Mr Dixon was not entitled to purchase the cottages and premises under the Act.

Since the cottages had not been rated on March 23, 1965 (the date on which the Bill for the Rent Act 1965 had been introduced), the "appropriate day" was by virtue of section 4(1)(a) of the 1967 Act to be determined under section 25(3) of the Rent Act 1977 in relation to "the house in question", that is, the cottages excluding the garages.

The dwelling-house consisted of two hereditaments, the former Riverside Cottage and Riverside Cottage East, both of which had appeared in the valuation list on February 6, 1967.

The appropriate day for the purposes of determining the rateable value of the dwelling-house now occupied by Mr Dixon was not later than February 6, 1967, and the aggregate rateable value of the two hereditaments that now constituted that dwelling-house was £76.

Mr Dixon's rent was more than two-thirds of £76, and it followed that he was not entitled to purchase the freehold.

Lord Justice Slade had pointed out that there was a clear and unequivocal difference between the provisions of the 1967 Act entitling a tenant to purchase "the house and premises" and those of section 4(1)(a) requiring the appropriate day to be determined in relation to a dwelling-house "consisting of the house in question".

Unless the conditions specified in section 25(4) of the 1967 Act regarding alteration of the valuation list after the appropriate day were satisfied, which in the present case they were not, events taking place after the appropriate day had to be disregarded, and the appropriate day itself was by section 4(1) judged by reference to the first date on which the house as a single hereditament or as two or more hereditaments had first appeared in the valuation list.

If the garages had been built before February 6, 1967, section 4(2), relied on by Mr Gadd, would have required them to be taken into account, although they were separately rated, because of the requirement that the question should be determined by reference to the rateable value of the house and premises as a whole.

Section 4(2) also required that Riverside Cottage East should be taken into account notwithstanding that it had been sublet and had not formed part of "the house" on February 6, 1967.

Section 4(2) did not, however, in his Lordship's opinion, alter or cast any doubt on the clear direction in section 4(1)(a) that for the purpose of determining the appropriate day the only question was when the house had first been rated either as a single hereditament or as two or more hereditaments.

Riverside Cottages, the house, had been rated as two hereditaments on February 6, 1967, which was, therefore, the appropriate day.

Mr Gadd had also submitted that "the house" had not come into existence until 1977 when the two cottages had been converted into one house, that 1977 was, therefore, the appropriate day and that the house had then consisted of three hereditaments comprised of the two cottages and the garages.

Section 4(1)(a), however, read in conjunction with section 25(1) of the 1977 Act, required the appropriate day to be the day when "the house", consisting of two cottages and no more, had first been rated, and that day was February 6, 1967.

A tenant of two semi-detached houses, each rated at £50 on March 25, 1965, could not by inserting communicating doors between the two houses and converting them into one house, rated in 1987 at £150, alter the appropriate day or increase the rateable value for the purposes of the 1967 Act.

In the present case, "the house" created by Mr Dixon in 1977 consisted of two hereditaments rated for the first time by February 6, 1967.

Lord Keith, Lord Brandon, Lord Brightman and Lord Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Park Nelson for Septimus G. Ward & Rose, Newcastle upon Tyne; Wilkinson Maughan, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mixing blood samples destroys admissibility of analysis evidence

Dear v DPP

In order for the analysis of the specimen of blood, provided by a defendant charged with driving with excess alcohol, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted by section 25(3) of and Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, to be admissible in evidence, the prosecution had to establish that the process of obtaining that specimen, as provided in section 10(6) of the 1972 Act, as substituted, was strictly complied with.

Accordingly, where the portion of the specimen of blood supplied to the defendant had been mixed with a portion, albeit minimal, of blood taken from the defendant a few minutes earlier, which earlier portion had been insufficient to constitute a specimen, the portion of blood retained by the police and its analysis was inadmissible.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann) so held on November 20 allowing the appeal of the defendant, Jaqueline Mara Dear, against her conviction by Epping Justices on May 21, 1987, of driving with excess alcohol contrary to section 6(1), fine of £130 plus £100 costs, 12-month disqualification and licence endorsement.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the plain fact was that what was handed to the defendant was not one half or one portion of the single specimen taken from her body, but included blood taken on an earlier occasion. It was with considerable reluctance that the court concluded the justices were wrong not to have acquitted the defendant.

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RACING: TOBY BALDING HAS OUTSTANDING PROSPECTS OF COMPLETING TREBLE ON COMPETITIVE NEWBURY PROGRAMME THIS AFTERNOON

Progressive Beech Road set to capitalize on lenient treatment

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Whichever way I look at the programme at Newbury today I cannot escape the feeling that the successful Weyhill trainer Toby Balding looks set for a field day by winning three of the races with **Burannpour** (1.30), **Bishops Yarn** (2.00) and **Beech Road** (3.30).

Following that 20-length win at Cheltenham a fortnight ago, Beech Road looks a particularly good bet to win the Round Oak Handicap Hurdle over the same distance. He is my nap.

As that race at Cheltenham was confined to conditional jockeys, he has incurred no penalty, and it almost goes without saying that you cannot win by that far without the handicapper throwing the book at you.

To what extent can be gleaned by a look at certain future races in this week's edition of the Racing Calendar, which shows Beech Road giving 4lb to Yale. Today he will be getting 9lb from him.

This then is Beech Road's last opportunity to race off a reasonable mark. He will be ridden this afternoon by Richard Guest, who was successful on him at Devon and Exeter, and Guest's 4lb allowance now puts him on an even more attractive mark. At Cheltenham he was ridden by Tony Charlton.

Originally Balding was toying with the idea of running Beech Road in a more valuable, but shorter, race at Ascot last Saturday.

In the event he decided to give him a bit more time to get over that race at Cheltenham where he had given Chemist Broker a stone and a convincing beating to boot. As Chemist Broker had himself won his previous race at Sandown by 25 lengths the form looks good to me.

Earlier in the afternoon Guest can also win the Jacky Upton Handicap Chase on Bishops Yarn, who will be sharper for that run around Kempton behind Desert Orchid nine days ago.

With The Argonaut, who is back to his best distance after just failing to last farther at the previous meeting, Gold Bearer, Warner For Leisure and Pegwell Bay also standing their ground, Bishops Yarn faces a far harder task than stable companion Burannpour, who will be ridden by Charlton in the Clanfield Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase.

Third in both the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham and the Scottish National last season, Burannpour should prove equal to giving weight to his three rivals.

With Gala's Image and Auntie Dot dropping out of the Oxfordshire Handicap Chase overnight the weights have now gone up 20lb.

This means **Springholm** can now race off his right mark instead of being well out of the handicap, and even with a 6lb penalty for winning at Nottingham a week ago he still looks on a very handy mark indeed.

When the late George Todd was training at Manton winners also came from that equine paradise at regular intervals during the winter.

Not that Barry Hills, his successor there, is intent on the same policy, but all eyes will be on that good Flat racer **Lord Justice** when he contests the second division of the Freshmans Novices' Hurdle. By all accounts he has jumped well in practice.

The earlier division can go to **Eskimo Mite**, who caught my eye at Ascot last Saturday even though he finished only fourth behind Calapaez.

Having beaten all but Beech Road at Devon and Exeter last time **The Processor** must be followed at Leicester when he runs in the Waltham Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

Winter to come home on Monday

Fred Winter, in hospital for almost three months after receiving serious head injuries in a fall, is to return to his Lambourn home on Monday.

"He's going great guns now," Winter's daughter, Jo, said yesterday Wolfhangar had won division one of the Young Farmers Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton. "We will be able to take him up on the gallops in the car."

Peter Scudamore gained his sixtieth success of the season on Wolfhangar but later injured his left hand in a fall on Arbitrage. He must pass the doctor before he can ride at Newbury today.

Bolands Cross will run next in the Rehersal Chase at Chepstow tomorrow week. Trainer Nick Gaselee had planned to run him at Lingfield Park on December 12, but wants to give the horse more time before his next objective, the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot on December 19.

There are 39 entries, nine from English stables, for The Ladbroke handicap hurdle at Leopardstown on January 9. The weights will be published on December 7.

Michael Stoute again dismissed speculation concerning next season's riding arrangements as "total fabrication".

Success story built on hard work and attention to detail

By Michael Seely

D Wayne Lukas is, in financial terms, the most successful racehorse trainer the world has ever seen. He has led the United States in terms of prize-money won in each of the past four years, his earnings escalating from $4.2 million in 1983 to $12.3 million in 1986, hitting a new record each time.

The victories of Success Express and Sacahuista in last Saturday's Breeders' Cup series lifted this year's total to over $15 million. The 51-year-old former basketball coach and champion quarter-horse trainer from Wisconsin has won the Eclipse Award for the outstanding trainer for the past two years, and six of his horses have been voted national champions.

But the once-passionate love affair between the trainer and the American media is over. Lukas has been too successful, and looking for a chink in his armour the critics have pointed to his comparative lack of three-year-old champions, compared with his plethora of two-year-old stars. They seem particularly enraged that Capote, the two-year-old champion of 1986, met with a set-back and failed to make the grade this year.

"They forget that Lady's Secret was a champion at three, four and five," he said, "and that Life's Magic, another of my award winners, ran 69 times at four and five."

The barns at Santa Anita, where Lukas is based, resemble shanty towns, their "streets" littered with straw and filled with Mexicans bustling cheerfully about their work.



D Wayne Lukas: embracing the virtues of competition

Not so that of Lukas. The dirt is rolled and raked each day, everything has been painted with his racing colours of white and green and the doors are monogrammed. "If I demand detail outside the stall," he explained simply, "the philosophy carries over to the horse inside."

His self-motivation is extraordinary. "For almost 10 years I've got up at 3.30 to be with the horses. Often I've not wanted to get up, but I always have."

Lukas is much in demand as a speaker nationwide. "They bill me as a horse trainer explaining how to organize lives and get the best out of time, but it can apply to any other field of activity.

"I believe in the work ethic and in competition," he went on, "and a man has to believe in himself. It doesn't matter what other people think, but if a man can believe in himself, he can be successful in nearly every walk of life."

He possesses most of the trappings of wealth and power. "Life's been good to me. I've got a house in New York, three in California and two horse farms in Oklahoma. Then there's a private jet, helicopter, a Rolls Royce, a Mercedes and several other cars. But it's achievement that really matters and personal performance. That's always the bottom line."

His time as an athletics coach and as a trainer of quarter-horses is often quoted, but he sometimes resents it. "I've been around horses since I was four. At 12 I was training a couple and sleeping rough in trucks. But if I had said in 1978, when I first started, that by 1987 I'd be looking towards earnings of $18 million they'd have had me committed."

But as he spoke I forgot the colossal self-assurance and remembered only the passionate horseman crying over the tragic early death of Landaluce, his champion filly of 1982.

Together with Allen Paulson, he is the only man continually to challenge the spending power of the Robert Sangster syndicate and the Maktoums at Keeneland, and the trainer's strike rate with his expensive purchases has far outstripped that of his rivals.

"I've always been able to pick out a runner from a crowd," he said. "The one that runs and wins."

Cruz shrugs off rib injury to ride Triptych in Japan Cup

From Michael Seely, Tokyo

After surviving a spectacular fall at Sha Tin racecourse, Hong Kong, on Sunday, Tony Cruz arrived in Tokyo yesterday having been passed fit to ride Triptych in the seventh running of the Japan Cup on Sunday.

"I rode work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday," he said, "but I was suddenly in a lot of pain. I went to the hospital for an X-ray and there are no bones broken, but my ribs are badly bruised. I was given an anti-inflammatory drug and pain-killers, and I'm sure I'll be fit to ride on Sunday."

The enigmatic character of Triptych is likely to hold the key to the first prize of over £400,000. Yesterday morning she worked on the dirt in the middle of the track with her galloping companion Fabulous Pearl.

"She is all right," trainer Patrick Biancone said. "She is happy this morning but she has never given 100 per cent in her life. That is why she has lasted so long.

"I've had two other great horses in my time, Sagace and All Along," Biancone went on. "They always told you when they were going to win. But not Triptych, only she knows when she is ready to go. But I can tell that she's in the right mood at present."

The going will be another determining factor. "She is all right on the firm, but really loves the soft. I'd like a lot of rain in the next two days," Biancone added.

Jock Brown, Clive Brittain's travelling head lad, echoed these sentiments as the stable attempts to repeat Jupiter Island's 1986 win with Mountain Kingdom, the St Leger third. "He is in good shape but is a one mile six horse and needs plenty of cut."

Moon Madness, on the other hand, last year's St Leger winner and the principal danger to Triptych on form, will relish the prevailing conditions. "The firmer the better," said Robert Hamilton. John Dunlop's travelling head lad, "and Moon Madness has never been better."

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Eskimo Mite.
1.30 Burannpour.
2.00 Bishops Yarn.
2.30 Springholm.
3.00 Lord Justice.
3.30 BEECH ROAD (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.00 Bishops Yarn. 2.30 Springholm. 3.30 BEECH ROAD (nap).

Going: good

1.0 FRESHMAN'S NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £1,802: 2m 100yd) (15 runners)

101		1	DUAL CAPACITY 23 (CD,G) (A Field) W Musson 11-7	C Smith	95
103		0	ENCHANTED TIMES 13 (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 11-0	NON-RUNNER	—
104		4	ESKIMO MITE 6 (P Byrne) J Jenkins 11-0	S Sherwood	93
105			FAIRTHORNE LAD (R Bastian) M Madgwick 11-0	M Perrett	—
106		0	FOURTH LAD 41 (B) (Mrs L Dawes) R Hannon 11-0	H Davies	—
107			KHATTAF (W Sturt) J Old 11-0	R Dunwoody	—
110			PERSIAN STYLE (P Hopkins) J Gifford 11-0	R Rowe	—
111			PORTENTOUS (G Thorner) G Thorner 11-0	J White	—
112		P	SLIM HOPE 23 (B) (Mrs A Fagan) D Ringer 11-0	G McCourt	—
113		2	SLIPPERY MAX 23 (J McLaren) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-0	D Browne	● 99
114			TILTING COURT (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 11-0	M Kinane	—
117			LITTLE WHITE LIES (Miss B Swire) G Balding 10-9	R Guest (4)	—
118			RIBOGIRL (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 10-9	W Morris	—
119		4	TABELLINA 13 (S Cooper) D Elsworth 10-9	R Arnott	83
121		00	WAR CHILD 2 (J Bad) A Moore 10-9	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 3-1 Slippery Max, 7-2 Eskimo Mite, 4-1 Dual Capacity, 6-1 Persian Style, 13-2 Tabellina, 8-1 Tilting Court, 9-1 Little White Lies, 12-1 others.

1986: RICMAR 11-0 S Sherwood (15-2) J Jenkins 16 ran

FORM DUAL CAPACITY (11-0) ran out a 2l winner from the staying on SLIPPERY MAX (11-0) over course and distance (£1587, good, Nov 4, 25 ran) with SLIM HOPE behind when pulled up before the last.

ESKIMO MITE (11-1) should improve on a 25l Ascot 4th to the smart Calapaez (11-8) (2m, £3843, good to soft, Nov 21, 8 ran).

TABELLINA (10-5) 9½l 4th to Spacial (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yd, £991, good to soft, Nov 14, 22 ran) with WAR CHILD (10-5) never in the hunt 14l further back in 8th and ENCHANTED TIMES (10-10) out of the first nine.

PERSIAN STYLE won a York (1m 4f) maiden by 10l and made 68,000gns at Newmarket Autumn Sales.

LITTLE WHITE LIES is a half-sister to stayer on the Flat and over hurdles Accuracy, has some useful Flat form which includes a 3rd to Mamouna over a mile here.

Selection: SLIPPERY MAX

1.30 CLANFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,460: 3m) (4 runners)

201	01F39-4		BURANNPOUR 52 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 7-12-5	A Charlton	● 99	
204	4244-14		GEATA AN UISCE 20 (D,G,S) (R Denny) T Forster 9-10-9	C Llewellyn	90	
209	0000-13		LEAN ORT 10 (F,S) (T Wragg) S Christian 9-10-0	A Mulholland	95	
211	420F-13		CHANNEL BREEZE 8 (G) (W Kavanagh) E Wheeler 7-10-0	I Irvine	90	

BETTING: 11-8 Geata An Uisce, 5-2 Burannpour, 9-2 Channel Breeze, 5-1 Lean Ort.

1986: CONQUERING 8-11-12 G Landau (4-5 fav) F Winter 4 ran

FORM BURANNPOUR, a staying on in 4th at Devon early last month (3m 1f), ran best race of last season over course and distance, scoring by ¾l (10-12) from Clara Mountain (11-1), with the remainder 30l back (£3293, good to soft, Feb 13, 12 ran).

GEATA AN UISCE, 4th over 3m 4f latest start, previously won over 3m 1f at Devon, and last year (11-8) was beaten only a length by Conquering (11-12) in this race (£2305, good to soft, Nov 21, 4 ran).

LEAN ORT, modest 3rd last time, is better assessed on 3l Stratford victory (10-13) over Orchid Bay (10-6) in conditional jockeys event on reappearance (3m 2f, £2114, good to soft, Nov 5, 9 ran).

CHANNEL BREEZE upset odds-on Mrs Muck at Kempton (3m 4f, good) then was not disgraced when 8¾l 3rd (11-5) to The West Awake (11-3) in novice chase at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, £1496, soft, Nov 15, 16 ran).

Selection: LEAN ORT

2.0 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

301	01249-2		BISHOPS YARN 9 (D,S) (British Thoroughbred Racing) G Balding 8-11-10	R Guest (4)	96	
302	114U-13		THE ARGONAUT 16 (D,F,G,S) (Queen Mother) F Winter 7-11-5	P Scudamore	● 99	
304	21321-2		GOLD BEARER 23 (CD,BF,G,S) (Lady Joseph) F Winter 7-11-5	Peter Hobbs	95	
305	10P0-11		WARNER FOR LEISURE 7 (F,G,S) (T Warner Sports) P Hobbs 5-10-13(6ex)	Peter Hobbs	95	
306	U30F-P0		PREMIER CHARLIE 6 (CD,F,G,S) (R Brazier) W G M Turner 9-10-12	D Morris	96	
307	241U2-1		PEGWELL BAY 23 (CO,G) (Maj A Barlow) T Forster 6-10-12	H Davies	95	
308	40F0-40		ROADSTER 14 (D,S) (C Nash) C Nash 11-10-8	R Dunwoody	95	

BETTING: 5-2 Bishops Yarn, 11-4 Pegwell Bay, 4-1 The Argonaut, 5-1 Warner For Leisure, 6-1 Gold Bearer, 16-1 Roadster, 33-1 Premier Charlie.

1986: PREMIER CHARLIE 8-10-1 R Beggan (11-2) M Hinchliffe 5 ran

FORM BISHOPS YARN, flattered by proximity to Desert Orchid last week (2m 4f) when 2nd; won two races last season, the latter at Kempton (11-0) when the favourite ROADSTER (11-2) was beaten 20l into 4th (2m 4f, £5741, good to soft, Jan 24, 5 ran).

THE ARGONAUT, 3rd here last time (3m), previously (11-11) 2l Cheltenham winner from Latin American (10-5) (3m, £3174, good to soft, Oct 21, 12 ran).

WARNER FOR LEISURE beat Courage Run at Stratford (2m), then followed up by ¾l (10-10) from Peter Anthony (10-1) at Ascot (2m, £7142, good to soft, Nov 20, 10 ran). He has yet to win beyond 2m 1f.

PREMIER CHARLIE has shown little since taking this last year (10-1) by 5l from Admiral's Cup (10-5) (£3096, good to soft, Nov 21, 5 ran).

PEGWELL BAY (10-3) reappeared here three weeks ago, and impressed in 15l defeat of GOLD BEARER (11-3) (3m 4f, £3028, good, Nov 4, 6 ran).

GOLD BEARER is better than that, earlier a 2l Ascot 2nd (10-0) to Desert Orchid (12-4) (2m 4f, £7142, good to soft, Apr 8, 7 ran).

Selection: PEGWELL BAY

2.30 OXFORDSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,648: 2m 160yd) (8 runners)

403	3031-00		FLAREY SARK 9 (S) (Mrs A Pollard) J King 10-11-10	—	87	
404	023134-		MR KEY 221 (S) (Mrs E McManus) D Murray-Smith 6-11-10	P Croucher	80	
405	01P-003		NO-U-TURN 13 (F,G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 9-11-8	G Charles-Charles	86	
407	F3014-3		PANTECHNICON 9 (G) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 7-11-0	M Bowlby	91	
408	11-1P00		LEGAL AID 5 (F,G) (P Hill) C Popham 7-10-11	B Powell	94	
409	404133		MISTER BUTLER 20 (F,G,S) (J Amor) P Jones 8-10-11	M Kinane	91	
411	241-F11		SPRINGHOLM 7 (G,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-10-4 (5ex)	R Dunwoody	● 99	
412	0/12-00F		BERMUDA'S GLEN 3 (BF,S) (J Blundell) J Blundell 9-10-0	D Dutton	81	

BETTING: 5-4 Springholm, 4-1 Mr Key, 5-1 Mister Butler, 8-1 No-U-Turn, Pantechnicon, 12-1 Legal Aid, 20-1 Bermuda's Glen, 33-1 Flarey Sark.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FLAREY SARK should be fit enough after a couple of hurdle runs to be able to reproduce (11-2) a 2l Ayr novice chase win over Chipped Metal (11-10) (2m 4f, £1560, good to soft, Mar 14, 5 ran).

MR KEY'S best form came at Plumpton (2m, Nov Ch, £1662, good to soft, Mar 17, 13 ran) when (11-8) a 12l winner from More One Way (12-2).

NO-U-TURN (11-10) a staying on 16½l 3rd to Boardmans Style (11-6) at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, £1652, good, Nov 14, 6 ran).

PANTECHNICON (11-4) a comfortable 6l Towcester win over Diamond Digger (10-7) last season (2m 50yd, £1777, good, Apr 20, 15 ran).

SPRINGHOLM (11-10) was an easy 3l Nottingham (2m, £1847, good to soft, Nov 20, 11 ran) winner from Sassanaca (11-3).

Selection: SPRINGHOLM

3.0 FRESHMAN'S NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-O: £1,822: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

501	0133		RECORD FLIGHT 13 (S) (F Crumpler) G Ham 11-2	B Powell	74	
502			AL HASHIMI (R Blackman) A Moore 11-0	Candy Moore (4)	—	
503			BRAVE DEFENDER (Lady Cohen) N Henderson 11-0	S Smith Eccles	—	
504			BUTT AND BEN (Lady Aitken) F Walwyn 11-0	S Shilston	—	
506		40	DIVINE CHARGER 13 (T Gregory) Mrs M Rimell 11-0	D Browne	—	
507		30	FLUTEAU 22 (B) (S Tindall) S Mellor 11-0	G Charles-Jones	70	
511			HUBBA (B Evans) G Thorner 11-0	C Brown	—	
512			LORD JUSTICE (R Sangster) B Hills 11-0	K Mooney	—	
513			MARLEY MONARCH (Marley Roof Tile Co) M Haynes 11-0	R Rowell	—	
514			MOVE ABOUT (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 11-0	C Jones	—	
515			RUN FOR FREE (R Freethy) A Turnell 11-0	Steve Knight	—	
516		2	SILVER OCEAN 9 (R Ellis) Miss B Sanders 11-0	S Sherwood	● 99	
517		02	THE GRIFTER 13 (T Burrage) M Madgwick 11-0	M Perrett	78	
518			THINK DESIGN (Mrs S Green) A Moore 11-0	G Moore	—	
519			TOUCH OF SPEED (K Fischer) M Francis 11-0	C Cox	—	
520			CINDERELLA DEREK (M Hill) M Hill 10-9	C Hopwood (7)	—	
521		U	LADY HOMILY 13 (Mrs P Michael) E Wheeler 10-9	J White	—	
522			SHKABELL (L Wadge) P Jones 10-9	K Kinane	—	
523			SUSSARANDO (M Walsh) W Wightman 10-9	W Morris	—	

BETTING: 7-4 Silver Ocean, 7-2 Record Flight, 9-2 Lord Justice, 5-1 The Grifter, 11-2 Brave Defender, 9-1 Fluteau, 10-1 others.

1986: DOMARC 10-7 B Dowling (20-1) J Price 13 ran

FORM RECORD FLIGHT (10-11) a 20/1 shot when 13l 3rd to Daffodil (11-1) at Cheltenham (2m, £3252, soft, Nov 14, 9 ran).

SILVER OCEAN (10-10) was only barred out of it close home when neck 2nd to favourite Imperial Brush (10-10) at Kempton (2m, £2181, good to soft, Nov 18, 22 ran) with the remainder well strung out.

THE GRIFTER (10-10) finished strongly to take 2nd place on Windsor debut, 3l behind Special (10-10) (2m 30yd, £921, good to soft, Nov 14, 22 ran) and DIVINE CHARGER (10-0) was out of the first nine and LADY HOMILY (10-5) a failer at the first.

LORD JUSTICE bred to be top class on the Flat, was placed in Group races.

Selection: SILVER OCEAN

3.30 ROUND OAK HANDICAP HURDLE (£3719: 2m 4f 120yd) (16 runners)

601	30103-2		YALE 22 (S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-10	T Pinfield (7)	83	
602	1112/0		MUQADAR 13 (G,S) (S London Ltd) O Sherwood 8-11-9	S Sherwood	84	
605	03141-6		BAIES 20 (G) (Mrs B Samuel) F Winter 5-11-1	P Scudamore	74	
606	4F20-11		BEECH ROAD 14 (S) (T Geake) G Balding 5-11-1	R Guest (4)	● 99	
607	10/130-0		BIGEE 22 (F,G,S) (P Kearney) J Sayers 6-11-0	C Brown	93	
611	1120-0F		TIVIAN 13 (G,S) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 7-10-8	G McCourt	81	
612	0201/0P		ALDO KING 16 (CD,G) (Mrs V Langford) A Turnell 6-10-7	I Lawrence	—	
614	010200/		CELTIC FLIGHT 694 (S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-4	D Browne	—	
615	3100P-0		GALLANT BUCK 16 (B,C,S) (J Stom) D Elsworth 7-10-3	B Powell	92	
617	F330P4-		AMANTISS 392 (F,G,S) (H McCall) G Balding 9-10-3	A Charlton (7)	85	
619	401-0		HIGH PERFORMANCE 14 (S) (T Ludlow) F Winter 5-10-1	B de Haan	83	
620	400/3P1-		MYNAH KEY 221 (S) (Mrs O Clark) S Christian 6-10-1	A Mulholland (7)	80	
624	23-F010		HILL SEAGLE 15 (S) (N Brown) W Clay 7-10-0	Diane Clay (7)	73	
625	01220/0		SPLENDID FELLOW 43 (G,S) (Mrs D Stamp) G Gracey 6-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—	
626	12U0P/0-		BENTY HEATH 309 (S) (G Playford) M Pipe 6-10-0	M Perrett	—	
627	000-00P		FLEXIBLE FRIEND 34 (G Darby) J Fox 7-10-0	D Tegg (7)	68	

BETTING: 11-10 Beech Road, 7-2 Muqadar, 6-1 Yale, 7-1 Baies, 8-1 Amantiss, 10-1 Mynah Key, 16-1 others.

1986: JUVEN LIGHT 5-10-12 S Smith Eccles (9-1) R Akehurst 12 ran

FORM YALE (11-6) 3¾l 2nd to Mountain Crash (10-4) on Stratford reappearance (2m 6f, £3356, good to soft, Nov 5, 11 ran).

MUQADAR, a top-class novice in 1984/5, ran a promising race on Cheltenham seasonal debut (2m, £7791, soft, Nov 14, 9 ran) when (11-0) up with the pace for a long way before fading into 6th, beaten 17l by Celtic Shot (10-6).

BAIES (11-7) favourite when beating Chief Pat (10-8) a length in a Wincanton novice last season (2m, £1000, good, Apr 20, 11 ran).

BEECH ROAD (11-10) a 20l Cheltenham win (2m 4f, £2702, soft, Nov 13, 18 ran) over Chemist Broker (10-10) last time with HIGH PERFORMANCE (10-13) behind.

MYNAH KEY (10-12) stayed on well to win a 3m Uttoxeter novice by a head from Charter Hardware (11-4) in April (£861, good to soft, 14 ran).

Selection: BEECH ROAD

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Winter	40	173	23.1
T Forster	16	73	21.9
O Sherwood	8	42	19.0
Mrs M Rimell	12	66	18.2
D Nicholson	27	155	17.4
J Jenkins	15	89	16.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	15	65	23.1
P Scudamore	47	232	20.3
H Davies	29	169	17.2
S Smith Eccles	24	142	16.9
M Perrett	9	57	15.8
R Rowe	20	170	11.8

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Dime And A Dollar.
1.15 Grundy's Pet.
1.45 Mossmorran.
2.15 Trafalgar Blue.
2.45 Dantes Tree.
3.15 Bushido.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 DANTES TREE.

Going: soft (8.0am inspection)

12.45 GREY HORSES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£760: 2m) (14 runners)

5	0003P/0		SENOR ROMANA 42 (F) (D Shaw) G Moore 8-11-10	M Hammond	—
6	PP-0300		STRONGARM 6 (B,D,S) (R Dods) R Dods 4-11-8	S Woods (7)	86
7	0		UPWELL 16 (R Johnson) R Johnson 3-10-13	Mr P Johnson (7)	—
9	014100		DOMANUS 20 (B,CD,F) (V Thompson) V Thompson 6-11-2	Mr M Thompson (4)	86
10	1004P-3		DIME AND A DOLLAR 10 (C,G) (Mrs J Hellewell) G Richards 4-11-0	P Tuck	98
11	3-04F0U		DRAW THE LINE 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Stewart) B Richmond 8-11-0	P Corrigan	● 99
13	P04		GEBBETEEVEE 20 (Gee & Bell Television) Mrs S Austen 6-10-13	D Wilkinson	83
15	P10-		ALWAYS NATIVE 275 (CD,S) (G Kelly) G Kelly 5-10-11	A Orkney	86
20	000-3		TOWER WATCH 10 (M Duffield) H Fleming 4-10-8	R Fahey (7)	80
21	404		NEAR HEAVEN 38 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 3-10-7	D Casey (7)	98
22	40-0000		NIPPER SMITH 6 (W Smith) W J Smith 4-10-7	B Storey	—
23	F00P0-P		RUN FOR PORT 16 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 9-10-7	Mr J Carden	67
25	034-020		LE PEARL 11 (J Carden) J Carden 10-10-7	K Jones	—
26	P00/P		BRIANELA 6 (Mrs J Waggott) N Wagott 7-10-7	A Dobbin	—

BETTING: 2-1 Tower Watch, 4-1 Dime And A Dollar, 11-2 Strongarm, 6-1 Always Native, 7-1 Le Pearl, 10-1 Domanus, 12-1 Nipper Smith, 14-1 others.

1986: JUST GRAYLE 7-10-0 P Niven (14-1) Mrs G Reveley 19 ran

1.15 SEDGEFIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,494: 3m 600yd) (9 runners)

2	3111-03		GRUNDY'S PET 16 (CD,BF,G,S) (J Carr) G Moore 5-11-10	M Hammond	90
3	410140		MINATURE MISS 15 (F,G,S) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 5-11-5	Mrs A Farrell	91
4	1101-00		LITTLE MITTENS 20 (CD,F) (C Thomson) R Barr 9-11-4	N Doughty	97
5	013300		GALAWOOD 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Broadbent) J Parkes 6-11-0	P Tuck	97
6	0424-33		PEACE TERMS 11 (BF,S) (J Ennis) G Richards 5-10-13	M Meagher	92
9	004222		CRACK-A-JIM 27 (D Chit) Miss Z Green 5-10-8	M Dwyer	● 99
10	00P04-0		DOUGHTY REBEL 20 (F,S) (G Wilson) J J O'Neill 6-10-8	R Balfour	98
11	01032-P		SENOR RAMOS 111 (B,CD,G,S) (M D M Racing) Ron Thompson 5-10-7	S Woods (7)	98
13	202P-20		SHUTTLECOCK STAR 62 (S) (S Briggs) R Woodhouse 5-10-0	S Woods (7)	—

BETTING: 4-1 Peace Terms, 5-1 Crack-A-Jim, 11-2 Grundy's Pet, 7-1 Senor Ramos, 8-1 Shuttlecock Star, 9-1 Minature Miss, Galawood, 10-1 Doughty Rebel, 12-1 Little Mittens.

1986: SENOR RAMOS 4-10-3 G Harker (7-2 fav) Ron Thompson 13 ran

1.45 WOODHOUSE NOVICES CHASE (£1,151: 3m 600yd) (12 runners)

1	00-10FU		AVIATION SUPPORT 3 (CD,F) (J Wade) W A Stephenson 7-12-3	A Merrigan (4)	80
3	00PF0-P		JAY DOUBLE YOU 7 (B) (P Youngson) J S Wilson 8-11-7	Mr C Bailey	—
4	0UF		MANDORLEAN 14 (Mrs J Beasley) Mrs J Beasley 7-11-7	M Dwyer	● 99
5	32203-F		MOSSMORRAN 10 (B,S) (D Armstrong) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-7	P Niven	—
6	300330-		NOBLE MUSIC (P Blockley) F Blockley 7-11-7	Mr M Thompson (4)	—
7	FPP00		PAUPERS SON 3 (S) (J Roche) R O'Leary 10-11-7	A Orkney	—
9	100300		TEUCER 10 (F,G,S) (R Adamson) V Thompson 7-11-7	Mr M Walsh (7)	—
10	P02000		DALTON DANDY 6 (V Hall V Hall 5-11-5	B Storey	—
11	048-004		CHANCES PITCH 7 (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 6-11-2	Mr H Brown (7)	—
12	004P-0		DERCANNY 10 (P Gibbon) P Gibbon 7-11-2	K Doolan	80
13	0-48		FAIR ECHO 10 (C Fawcett) C Parker 7-11-2	Mr S Swiers (7)	88
15	030-P00		HATSU-GIRIE 6 (R Swiers) R Swiers 6-11-2	—	—

BETTING: 11-10 Mossmorran, 3-1 Aviation Support, 4-1 Noble Music, 12-1 Dercanny, 14-1 Hatsu-Girie, 20-1 Dalton Dandy, 25-1 others.

1986: MR CHRIS 7-11-7 C Grant (5-1) M Naughton 10 ran

2.15 DUNELM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,921: 2m) (6 runners)

1	21131-1		IDA'S DELIGHT 20 (D,F,G,S) (J Charlton) J Charlton 8-11-11	B Storey	93	
2	1401-12		PERFECT GLEN 20 (CD, BF,F,G) (Mrs R Coleman) Denys Smith 7-11-9	C Grant	93	
3	030-0F2		TRAFALGAR BLUE 10 (R Scholey) R Scholey 7-11-2	L Wyer	● 99	
4	300-3F1		WELSH SPIRIT 10 (CD,S) W A Stephenson 8-11-2 (10ex)	A Merrigan (4)	90	
7	UP0100		TRAILING ROSE 21 (C,S) (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-0	P Niven	94	
8	F1P32F/		ANOTHER HALF 548 (D,S) (F Markland) D McCain 7-10-0	K Doolan	—	

BETTING: 2-1 Trafalgar Blue, 11-4 Ida's Delight, 4-1 Welsh Spirit, 9-2 Perfect Glen, 10-1 Trailing Rose, 14-1 Another Half.

1986: GO ON JOE 12-10-3 Mr A Orkney (14-1) J Richardson 6 ran

2.45 DANBY CHASE (£986: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2	0-0		ALMONDBURY 14 (Mrs S Brook) M W Easterby 6-10-10	N Doughty	—	
3			BEAU DEREK 772 (W Sprik) T Barron 7-10-10	G Harker	—	
5	4021-F0		CLEVER FOLLY 7 (S) (N Mason Farms) G Richards 7-10-10	P Tuck	—	
6	343U01		DANTES TREE 3 (S) (W Tree) R Robinson 6-10-10	—	● 99	
8	040100		FINALE SEPT 6 (F,G,S) (M Thompson) V Thompson 7-10-10	Mr M Thompson (4)	72	
9	2000/PP		GALLEUM 6 (Mrs T Donaldson) J Charlton 10-10-10	B Storey	—	
10	0		LORD PURNA 20 (A Johnson) R Robinson 5-10-10	T P White (7)	—	
11	04F002		MILLSTREAK 16 (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 7-10-0	Mr M Walsh (7)	84	
16	F00000		TEMPLE TOBERA 10 (Hathaway Roofing) W A Stephenson 5-10-10	A Merrigan (4)	80	
19	40330-0		LUBIANA 10 (N Heaney) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-5	N Smith (7)	—	
21			SAND KIT (Miss F Geddes) Miss F Geddes 7-10-5	A Orkney	—	

BETTING: 11-4 Clever Folly, 5-2 Lubiana, 11-2 Dantes Tree, 13-2 Almondbury, 8-1 Temple Tobera, 9-1 Sand Kit, 10-1 Millstreak, 12-1 Finale Sept, 16-1 others.

1986: JACK OF

TENNIS

Solving a riddle after 31 years

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

One of the off-court puzzles of Wimbledon's recent history could soon be resolved. For most of the past 31 years Angela Buxton, who shared the 1956 doubles title with Althea Gibson, has wondered why she was not a member of the All England Club. The AEC is not sure that she wants to be. Yesterday it became clear that each party would prefer an initiative from the other.

Since the Second World War only three British players have shared the women's doubles title. Such a distinction tends to lead to AEC membership: in the parlance applied to Army leave, as a privilege rather than an entitlement. Private clubs can be as arbitrary as they please when considering potential new members.

This case has been confused by the fact that Miss Buxton is Jewish, leading to rumours that this might have had something to do with her omission from the members' list. But "Buzzer" Hadingham — who was appointed AEC chairman in 1983 and swiftly sorted out a controversy concerning Bunny Austin's membership — pointed out yesterday that the club already had Jewish members.

The answer, he said, was much simpler. In 1965 the AEC checked the addresses of candidates for membership so that the list could be reprinted. Miss Buxton's response contained the handwritten words: "Application not now required". Miss Buxton cannot recall writing that, but confirms the sentiment.

"Other people seem to be more bothered than I am," she said yesterday, "but why wasn't I invited, all those years? I have applied several times. The last one was a couple of years ago. I was told to be patient. If I wanted to beg, to push, to persuade, I probably have enough friends in the tennis world to do it. I could hassle "Buzzer" Hadingham. But he has enough on his plate, without me".

Miss Buxton, a professional since 1968, is in the process of selling her Hampstead tennis school and is "starting to get into golf". AEC membership no longer means as much as it would have done 31 years ago. "But it would probably put the record straight", she said, "if they offered me membership and I accepted it". Should the next move be Wimbledon's, or Miss Buxton's?

GOLF

Price the nomad settles in

Melbourne (Reuter) — Terry Price, a nomadic Australian who describes himself as "from no fixed abode", surrendered his obscurity by seizing the first-round lead with a five-under-par 67 in the Australian Open tournament yesterday. In his wake were the champion, Rodger Davis, of Australia, Sandy Lyle and Ronan Rafferty, of Britain, each of whom scored a 69, Greg Norman, who had a 70, and Larry Nelson, who returned a 75.

Price caught Royal Melbourne in a forgiving mood and shot an outward half of 30 in a nerveless round that included five birdies. Lyle's round included seven birdies on a course unfamiliar to him.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (Australian unless stated): 67: T Price. 69: R Rafferty (GB), A Lyle (GB), G Turner (NZ), B King, W Smith, R Davis. 70: G Norman, G Serhan, J Woodland, G Taylor, M Colandro, R Wood, M Harwood, R Mackay, S Tait, P O'Malley. 71: J Anderson (Can), G Brand, jun (GB), D Merriman, J Clifford, F Nobilo, C Rauleson, O Moore, K Dukes, M King, T Elliott. Other British: 73: D Llewellyn. 75: M Bembridge.

● KAIMONCHO (AP) — David Ishii, of the United States, and Sam Torrance, of Scotland, each scored a five-under-par 67 yesterday and shared the lead after the opening round in the Casio World Open tournament. On the 410-yard, par-four first hole Torrance drove his tee shot into the trees and needed three strokes to reach the green, where he needed two putts. He recovered with three birdies on the front nine and four more on the back nine.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 67: D Ishii (US), S Torrance (GB), M Ozaki (Japan). 68: G Marsh (Aus), D Hammond (US), M Kuramoto (Japan). 69: T Watanabe (Japan), N Yunara (Japan). 69: G Burns (US), T M Chen (Taiwan). 70: K Clearwater (US), B Jones (Aus) 71: I Baker-Finch (Aus), S Ballesteros (Sp), H Clark (GB), S Hoch (US). 72: H Green (US), D Tewell (US), T.C. Chen (Taiwan). 73: B Tway (US), L Meze (US).

Tour boost

Whyte and Mackay, the distillers, are ending their sponsorship of the PGA Championship after backing this leg of the European Tour for the past four years. But the Tour is boosted by a new tournament, the Majorca Open, to be staged at Palma from March 10 to 13. Prize money of £200,000 will be on offer.

Higher stakes

Prize money for the 1988 Bowring Scottish Ladies Open Golf Championship has been increased by £10,000 to £40,000. The championship, at Cawder Club, Glasgow, provides the Scottish public with their only home opportunity to watch the strong Scottish contingent on the women's PGA circuit.

Sports centres treading a delicate line between profit and disaster

Privatization is the leisure dilemma

The Bushfield Sports Centre in Peterborough, operated by the City Council, serves approximately 149,000 people over an area of 15 miles. It is a typical local authority-run facility. Its staff work long hours and are committed to providing the best sports service possible. But, for all the hard work, it is estimated that the centre will show a loss of £160,900 this year.

This deficit is not unusual for a sports and leisure amenity managed by a local authority, but members from the private sector believe that the overseeing of sports and leisure centres can be made economically more viable and efficient.

Crossland Leisure (Holdings) Ltd, a Camberley-based company that privately manages sports centres, reckons that, by adopting a similar programme and the same pricing structure as the example of Peterborough, it could reduce the deficit by 30 per cent, and could show a healthy profit if it utilized a wholly commercial approach.

This is why the Government requested a consultancy period, currently in progress, to discover how privatization could improve the running of sports and leisure facilities and how it would effect sport in this country.

On December 11 the Department of the Environment will decide how to implement its consultation paper, entitled "Competition in the Management of Local Authority Sport and Leisure Facilities," which was presented to the public in September.

The Government is convinced that privatization would lead to considerably lower costs and greater efficiency through the introduction of competition without any reduction in service. Sporting governing bodies, in particular the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), are deeply concerned that the rush to turn facilities into profitable businesses will deprive many of the opportunity to participate in sport.

The Times has chosen one particular sports centre and employed the services of members of the private sector to examine how, in an individual case, privatization would affect the management, general running and efficiency of this important service to the public. It is important to point out that this example is only appropriate to the class-structure of Peterborough and that different approaches would be needed for different areas of the country.

The Bushfield Sports Centre is a dual-use facility and forms part of the adjacent Bushfield Community School. It provides a comprehensive range of facilities used by the pupils during school times and by the general public each lunchtime, evenings, weekends and all day during school holidays.

The centre is run by Peterborough City Council and its manageress, Janice Townson, has been in charge for the past eight months. Her background in marketing has made her progressive in her ideas for running Bushfield and she has already introduced, in small doses, schemes such as sponsors and centre-promoted activities to improve the general income.

David Cross and John Staniland are the principal directors of Crossland Leisure (Holdings) Ltd. Both have had considerable experience in the management of both private and local authority leisure facilities and they have commissioned and subsequently managed ten new centres.

Using a similar broad programme and exactly the same pricing structure as is currently adopted at Bushfield, Crossland Leisure predicts it could run the Bushfield Sports Centre for £105,000, a saving on the authority's projection of over £55,000 per annum (30 per cent), as shown in the adjacent box of accounts. If the Council were to continue to meet the debt charges and ground maintenance costs, Crossland would operate at a total subsidy of £60,000, which would include a budget for a £20,000 profit. If this profit increased, it would then offer a profit sharing arrangement on a sliding scale.

"We would achieve this improved operational performance through a combination of factors," Cross and Staniland reported. "The company would inject capital to floodlight the outside training areas and introduce five-a-side leagues which would also release main indoor hall space for other activities at peak times.

"We would also invest in equipment such as inflatable castles, roller skates and sunbeds, which can have a very rapid payback," they added.

But the centre of concentration appears to be focussed on a fundamental change to the marketing and programming policy. "This would yield the required improvement in turnover," they said. "Opening hours [presently from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.] would be extended to cater for the 'early riser' market and the late night badminton player. Some £7,000 would be spent on direct marketing (in-house leaflets, posters, press and radio advertising) in accordance with a planned annual marketing strategy. The number of centre-promoted activities would be extended and promoted as the return from such activities is critical to the overall financial viability."

What particularly concerns many involved in sport is the possibility that a large proportion of the public will be priced out. Crossland Leisure agree to a certain extent. "We could operate Bushfield purely on a commercial basis, pay the authority a rental and accommodate the school's usage," they added. "But it would be achieved by running the facility as a private members club with full commercial fees being charged."

They vigorously defend their own private methods. "There is a wide misconception that privatization means that corners are cut, but we always look to improve the income, not necessarily reduce the expenditure, Staniland said. "We spend more but get a bigger return."

The Government's consultation paper is therefore guardedly welcomed. "It is good that the Government is pressing local authorities to get their houses in order," Cross said. "There may be other political motives involved, but it has stirred things up and should make people roll their sleeves up in search of better efficiency."

Ian Stafford



Sporting chance: Janice Townson with her staff at Peterborough and below the private sector marketeers, David Cross (left) and John Staniland

PUBLIC v PRIVATE

Local authority estimates for Bushfield 1987/88	
Expenditure	
Employees	£88,600
Premises	£76,200
Transport and Plant	£900
Supplies and Services	£18,800
Debt Charges	£25,300
Management and Administration Expenses	£63,900
Total Expenditure	£273,700
Income	
Contributions from Cambridgeshire CC	£37,900
Sales from sports shop	£2,400
Fees and Hirings	£68,700
Concessions, bar	£3,800
Total Income	£112,800
Net Deficit: £160,900	

Crossland's estimates for Bushfield 1987/88	
Expenditure	
Employees	£121,200
Premises	£45,700
Travel, Supplies, Services	£55,370
Debt charges	£26,200
Administration	£36,620
Own Profit	£20,000
Total Expenditure	£328,490
Income	
Squash	£20,000
Contributions from Cambridgeshire CC	£37,900
Sales Income	£82,750
Dry Side	£50,000
Others	£14,500
Total Income	£205,150
Net Deficit: £103,340	



RUGBY LEAGUE

Southern pioneers are poor cousins

By Keith Macklin

The amateur game is booming in Britain, yet many of the managers and teams pioneering the expansion feel their boundless enthusiasm is being tempered by isolation. Typical of this mood are the players at Cambridge University, who burst with energy and ambition yet believe they are marooned in a wilderness of apathy from the game's northern heartlands.

Cambridge gave a superb open exhibition to beat Oxford University at Headingley earlier this year and their ranks contain many former rugby union Blues.

Jamie Woodward, the captain, hails from that hotbed of the game, Warrington, and his father is a devout supporter of Leigh, taking Jamie to Hilton Park for every home game. Now he is outspoken about the feelings of players in a "foreign" rugby environment.

"We receive a grant of £300 from the University authorities. We are grateful, although this sum barely covers the expenses of a couple of trips to play universities or college teams in the north," he said. "We feel that no matter how well we play, or how far we are prepared to travel, we are less important than teams playing in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cumbria. Rightly or wrongly, the emphasis seems on the retrenchment and development of the traditional areas.

"Yet there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of northern exiles in the Midlands and south who long to attach themselves to a rugby league club, and are unable to find one. Or, if they create a club, they find it too big a struggle to survive."

Mike Penistone, who grew up in Yorkshire, now travels more than 200 miles each week to help organize the Cambridge squad. He recently staged lectures after visiting Maurice Bamford, the former Great Britain coach, and Peter Corcoran, the full-time Australian coaching specialist.

He acknowledges that both the Rugby League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association wish to see the game expand, but thinks neither enough time, money nor effort is spent to assist the pioneer outposts. "I feel that more could be done to help teams like the Cambridge and Oxford, and the many Midlands amateur clubs. If we had a full-time area organizer, with at least a small budget for publicity and development, new teams would come forward, and existing teams would grow in membership."

This point was illustrated at one of the Cambridge lectures, where a group of members from a newly-formed club at Peterborough, pleaded for both fixtures and publicity to bolster their membership.

Bans make Salford's job harder

Personal appearances before the disciplinary committee in Leeds yesterday failed to save four players from suspension (Keith Macklin writes). All must now miss their clubs' John Player Special Trophy quarter-final ties this weekend.

The worst-hit club are Salford, who have a hard enough task at home to the favourites, Wigan, before an 8,000 all-ticket crowd. They will be without Peter Glynn and Dave Bullough, who were suspended for two and four matches respectively by the committee.

Lee Crooks, the Leeds and Great Britain front row forward, took along a video tape recording of the match — Chairman's XIII v Auckland — during which he was sent off. He had hopeli that the committee would view the game and decide in his favour, but he was suspended for two games, and misses the John Player tie at Wigan against Springfield Borough. Leeds are fortunate that they have a strong pool of players, and that they are facing second division opposition, though Crooks himself said last night that Borough will play above themselves and are not to be taken lightly.

Another club severely hit are Oldham, who have an extremely difficult match at Warrington. They will have to play the game without their speedy international centre, Des Foy, who received a three-match suspension.

● Two first division captains have been transfer-listed at their own requests. Swinton loose forward and captain, Les Holliday, aged 25, has been listed at a club record fee of £90,000, while Leigh have priced their captain, Derek Pyke, aged 28, at £120,000.

CRICKET

Vengsarkar rallies Indians

Delhi (Reuter) — Dilip Vengsarkar, India's new captain, made an unbeaten 74 here yesterday to leave the first Test with West Indies finely balanced. At the close of the second day, during which seven wickets fell compared to 18 on Wednesday, India, 210 for five in their second innings, led by 158.

They lost two wickets clearing arrears of 52 and, with four men out for 82, were in serious trouble before Vengsarkar showed how to handle the pace bowlers, passing 6,000 runs in Tests when he reached 39.

Vengsarkar, who took over from Kapil Dev as India's captain after the World Cup, has so far hit six boundaries from 200 deliveries and survived two chances on a pitch of uneven bounce. At 23, wicketkeeper Dujon failed to collect a snick off Patterson and, at 47, Vengsarkar escaped again, when Richardson missed him at third slip, off Benjamin.

It was Patterson who was responsible for India's poor start, accounting for Srikkanth and Lamba with successive deliveries with the score at six. The surviving opening batsman, Arun Lal, then helped his captain add 60 runs for the third wicket before hooking Walsh to Benjamin at deep fine leg.

With Patterson next forcing Shastri to edge a catch to Harper, at second slip, the new cap, Sanjay Manjrekar, again had to come in at a difficult time. He was just getting set when he was struck in the face by a short-pitched delivery from Benjamin and retired hurt.

As usual Kapil Dev saw aggression as the best escape route and he and Vengsarkar forced Richards to break up his cordon of close catchers for the first time. With some thrilling strokes they added 96 runs from 80 deliveries before Kapil was deceived by a yorker from Benjamin and was lbw for 44. Not surprisingly the pace slackened when More joined Vengsarkar but he saw out the day, while scoring 18.

INDIA: First Innings 75 (B P Patterson 5 for 24, W W Davis 3 for 20).
Second Innings
K Srikkanth c Harper b Patterson 5
Arun Lal c Benjamin b Walsh 40
R Lamba b Patterson 0
*D B Vengsarkar not out 74
R J Shastri c Harper b Patterson 4
S V Manjrekar retired hurt 10
Kapil Dev lbw b Benjamin 44
†K S More not out 18
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 4, nb 1) 15
Total (5 wkts) 210
A Ayub, C Sharma and Maninder Singh to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-66, 4-82, 5-178.
BOWLING: Patterson 16-4-52-3; Davis 15-3-43-0, Benjamin 18-2-61-1; Walsh 16-4-31-1, Harper 12-3-13-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings
C G Greenidge lbw b Kapil Dev 0
D L Haynes c Lamba b Sharma 45
R B Richardson lbw b Kapil Dev 4
* I V A Richards c More b Sharma 9
A L Logie lbw b Sharma 4
†P J L Dujon c Lamba b Kapil Dev 5
R A Harper run out 4
W W Davis c and b Sharma 6
W K M Benjamin b Ayub 19
C A Walsh c Lamba b Sharma 16
B P Patterson not out 5
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 1, nb 5) 10
Total 127
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-13, 4-17, 5-25, 6-29, 7-49, 8-102, 9-122.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 18-8-41-3; Sharma 13.1-2-55-5, Manunder 7-3-13-0, Ayub 9-4-14-1.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Bromley revival in full swing

By Paul Newman

The Vauxhall-Opel League, dominated for the last two years by Sutton United, Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town, has some unfamiliar names at the top of its premier division this season. Windsor and Eton lead the table, but in an even healthier position are Bromley, in second place, two points behind and with four games in hand.

Since the 1960s, honours have been few and far between for Bromley, who were one of the country's leading amateur clubs. Three times winners of the FA Amateur Cup, they were also champions of the Isthmian League (now the Vauxhall-Opel League) in 1961.

The man behind this season's revival is Trevor Ford, who came to the club as a player before being appointed manager nearly two years ago. His assistant is Colin Powell, the former Charlton Athletic winger, and his player-coach is Peter Shaw, whose career as a professional — he played for Charlton, Exeter City and Gillingham — was ended by injury. Shaw and Paul Edwards, the club captain, are the cornerstones of a defence which has conceded only seven goals in 13 league matches this season.

The midfield is built around three players who began their careers with Gillingham, Graham Brenton, Alan Scotting and Ian Young. The leading scorer, with 14 goals, is Ronnie Murrock, who is in his second spell at the club. He has been joined in attack this season by Lawrie McMenemy's son, Paul, who chose Bromley from among several offers after being released by West Ham United.

John Cooper, the Bromley secretary, believes that the fact that most of the players live locally has been an important factor. "All but two of the side live within a few miles of the ground," he said. "The team spirit is excellent because they all feel this is their own local club that they're playing for."

Attendances this season have frequently topped 500 and the highest of 683 could be bettered tomorrow, when Farnborough Town are the visitors. Bromley have a large catchment area and Cooper believes that support would increase dramatically in the GM Vauxhall Conference. The club wants to join the Conference and believes there would be little problem meeting ground grading requirements.

Plans for the future are built around turning the club into a limited company, which should help clear an overdraft of £20,000. One stipulation that the club plans to make is that no one will be allowed to hold more than 20 per cent of the shares.

● Mick Taylor, the former Barrow and Workington Town manager, has taken charge of another Northern Premier League club, Southport, after the resignation of Bryan Griffiths.

● A rescue plan for Trowbridge Town, of the Beazer Homes League, has been approved at an extraordinary general meeting of the club's shareholders. Beazer Homes, a building company, is to give the club £100,000 to buy back the ground from its landlords and pay off debts totalling £35,000. In return, the company will have an option to develop the ground for housing and relocate the club.

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MOTOR SPORT

Contract is duly delivered

By John Blunsden

Jonathan Palmer's contract with the Tyrrell Racing Organization has been renewed for the 1988 FIA Formula One world championship season, but it will be several weeks before he knows who will be his driving partner in the two-car team. The position of Philippe Streiff, the other Team Tyrrell driver during the season just ended, is likely to be influenced by the decision of Data General, the Paris-based computer company, whether or not to renew its team sponsorship, and, if so, at what level.

Having won the FIA Jim Clark Cup this year (in effect the world championship for drivers of 3½-litre cars) by scoring seven class wins, four second places and two thirds in his Courtaulds Tyrrell DG/016, Palmer, aged 31, had made himself a strong contender for a 1988 contract even before the final race at Adelaide, during which he produced the outstanding performance of his highly successful year.

"Jonathan Palmer has fulfilled all our expectations this season," Ken Tyrrell said. "His drive in Australia, from last to fourth place following a collision which damaged his rear suspension and a tyre, and obliged him to make an unplanned pit stop, was exceptional. We are delighted he will be with us for what we expect to be a highly competitive season in 1988."

Eklund expelled for illegal valves

By Andrew Longmore

Per Eklund, who finished second, three minutes and 12 seconds behind world champion, Juha Kankkunen, in the Lombard RAC Rally was disqualified yesterday because of an illegal part in the engine of his privately-entered Audi Quattro.

Only hours after the veteran Swedish driver had crossed the finishing line in Chester at the end of the four-day event, scrutineers found that three of the five valves on the inlet manifold were 0.4mm outside the maximum limit laid down by FISA regulations for Group A cars.

Eklund, aged 41, whose heroic effort to beat his arch rival, Stig Blomqvist, for second place by just 28 seconds proved the highlight of the rally, immediately announced his intention to appeal against the disqualification.

"We don't feel it is a fair decision," Gordon Bruce of Team Clarion, who have backed Eklund since 1981, said. "We shall obviously be looking into the matter ourselves, but it will take time."

The disqualification of Eklund means that Jimmy McRae, of Scotland, in his Ford Sierra, moves up to third, David Llewellin, of Wales, ironically in another Audi Quattro, is promoted to sixth.

The engine for Eklund's car was prepared by a specialist company in Ingolstadt, home of Audi Volkswagen. "The engine came straight from the factory," Eklund's co-driver, Dave Whittock, said. Whittock, who gave up helping to run the rally to resume his partnership with the Swede, added: "We did not touch it and knew very little about it; we are not engineers."

The team's appeal will be heard as soon as possible by representatives of the RAC Motor Sports Association and FISA, the governing body of motor racing, but a date has not yet been fixed. If their decision is not accepted the team can appeal to FISA directly, which would mean that the confirmed result of the Lombard might not be known until the new year.

Under FISA rules, which are very strict for the Group A category, the top three cars at every world championship rally — and often class winners too — are subjected to routine examination by the stewards. The cars are also scrutinized before the event but only for outward safety and legality, not to check engine specifications. There is no suggestion that a competitor of Eklund's experience or standing would deliberately flout the laws but, if the measurements by the RAC steward are found to be correct, there seems little chance that the appeal will succeed. Even as minute a difference as 0.4mm could add an extra 10bhp to a car's performance.

BOBSLEIGHING

Two men overboard

By Chris Moore

Sport has a habit of undermining even its most dedicated exponents, as Nick Phipps has discovered to his cost. For the last three years Phipps has reigned supreme as Britain's leading bobsleigher, looking a certainty to spearhead the Allied Steel team's Olympic challenge in Calgary.

Yet, as he digests the series of set-backs that have plagued his start to the season, he is suddenly faced with the unpalatable prospect of finding even his Olympic place in jeopardy. Only two of the three British drivers going to Calgary will compete in each of the two and four-man Olympic races.

To determine who qualifies, Mo Hammond, the team manager, has devised a selection process based on performances in five competitions — the Foster's World Cup Series events at Altenberg, Winterberg, Igls and Cervinia, plus the European Championships in Sarajevo.

After the first two rounds Phipps, who did not compete at Altenberg, is in third place with only four points. Mark Tout leads the way with 11, with Tom De La Hunty on six.

Though Phipps has plenty of time yet to get his act together, he was so disillusioned with his performance at Winterberg last week that he has dropped two of his four-man crew and has pulled out of next week's trip to Calgary for official pre-Olympic training.

Keith Power and Nigel Watson have been sacrificed and will be replaced by two Haringey sprinters, Lenny Murrain and Vernon Bramble. Instead of going to Calgary next week, Phipps and his new crew will be at Winterberg, preparing for the next round of the World Cup.

HOCKEY

Double event indoors

By Joyce Whitehead

There are two indoor events tonight and tomorrow at Crystal Palace: the Home Countries women's indoor championship and the Hockey Field tournament for schools. Wales and Ireland start the ball rolling in the main event at 6.30 p. m. and England v Scotland follows.

The Welsh team has three new caps, Jane Ludgrove, Carol Donovan, and Rebecca Nairne, and the captain is Karen Price, of Clifton. Wales will use the tournament as a trial for their European qualifying round in Amiens on December 5 and 6.

England have an experienced side, although Karen Brown and Mary Cheetham have been drafted to Great Britain training, and are replaced by Claire Liddell and Janette Brittin.

England are preparing to meet West Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Austria in their European qualifying tournament at Bad Neuenahr, West Germany, on December 18 and 19.

To mark the 75th anniversary of *Hockey Field* magazine, Tabor (Essex), Hayes (Kent), Armthorpe (Yorkshire) and King Edward VII Upper (Leicestershire) will take part in a schools tournament.

● Three Britain players, Barbara Hambly, Miss Cheetham and Jane Sixsmith were at Cocks Moors Woods leisure centre, Birmingham, yesterday to launch a project for day-time recreation, aimed at returning women and mothers to hockey.

ENGLAND: M Sequeyre (Lancashire, captain), S Lister (Suffolk), L Bellington (Essex), H Bray (Suffolk), J Belsin (Surrey), L Carr, (Lancashire), J Crook (Lancashire), M Edards (Kent), C Liddell (Essex), D Shorney (Avon), J Thompson (Buckinghamshire), T Wilce (Suffolk).
WALES: K Price (Clifton, captain), J Ludgrove (Haverfordwest), H Morgan (Swansea), W Davies (Swansea), C Donovan (Swansea), J Grant (Woking), F McCarthy (Swansea), R Nairne (Portishead), A Richards (Porthcawl), K Rodderick (Penarth), H Thomas (Cwmbran), S Tretman (Newport).

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Governing body publishes list of athletes found negative in random tests since March 1986

Champions clean but doubt remains

By John Goodbody

Fatima Whitbread, Linford Christie and Steve Ovett were among 131 British athletes named yesterday by the British Amateur Athletic Board as having been negative in random drug tests over the last 18 months. Six other athletes declined to be tested because they had retired from the sport.

The naming of the competitors was an attempt by the BAAB to show its policing of athletics and its drug-free nature in the face of mounting criticism of drug abuse in many sports at all levels, national and international.

But Karen Hough, an international javelin-thrower who was included among the six who declined to take a test, told *The Times* yesterday that the reason many tests were negative was because competitors were using "masking drugs", like probenecid, which has only just been banned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation; these disguise the presence of anabolic steroids and some other drugs.

Miss Hough, aged 19, who broke Miss Whitbread's British junior record for the javelin, said: "I have never taken drugs and am totally against their use. But there definitely is drug-taking in the sport and one of the reasons that I retired this year was because I had become disillusioned. There is no way that any of the top names are going to be named as positive."

The other five who declined to be tested because they said they had retired are Diane Royle, Chris Black, Louise Gittens (formerly Miller), Jayne Andrews and Graham Williamson.



Graham Williamson — Louise Gittens — Karen Hough — Jayne Andrews — Diane Royle — Chris Black

The random testing was introduced by the BAAB in February 1986 with a maximum of 48 hours' notice given to all competitors. The testing squad arranges for a urine sample to be given, and it is then analysed at the Drugs Control Centre at King's College, London University.

There were also 204 regular tests at British events in 1987 plus a further 61 at the European junior championships. The only one positive was Sue Howland, the Australian javelin thrower, who has subsequently been suspended.

Miss Hough, from Swansea, said she competed in the United Kingdom Championships in Derby on May 24, when she re-injured a damaged shoulder. She finished fourth and passed the routine drugs test, the third time she had been negatively tested in her career.

"Because of my injuries I decided to retire from the sport. But the next month I was asked to take a random drugs test. But there was no point because I had stopped competing."

Chris Black, bronze medal winner in the hammer at the 1978 and 1982 Commonwealth Games, retired after the 1986 Commonwealth Games and is now a professional. He was yesterday asked on BBC Radio why he did not take the test. He said it would have been a nuisance . . . "What is the point if I am not doing anything as regards the sport?

"It also costs money. Why waste time? I did not know there was going to be a list. If I had known, I would have done it, but it is too late now."

Fatima Whitbread, who once was woken up at 9 a.m. to provide one sample, volunteered to provide another at a meeting at Crystal Palace. She said yesterday: "I did it to dispel rumours that were both wicked and sheer innuendo."

Tony Ward, a spokesman for the BAAB, commented: "As Fatima says, there is a tremendous amount of mischievous and unsubstantiated rumour flying around, and by publishing the names of those who were random tested at 48 hours' notice in 1986 and 1987, we hope to go some way to clearing the air.

"We intend to be as open as possible about our drug-testing programme. We do not say it is perfect but it is much better than most."

Miss Royle, the Scottish national javelin record-holder, was picked for Scotland at the 1986 Commonwealth Games but was then dropped from the team when she declined to be tested. She successfully appealed against the decision but not in time to compete in Edinburgh. She has now retired from the sport.

Williamson, 1979 European junior 1500-metre champion, whose career was bedevilled by injury, said: "I told the Board that taking the test was a waste of time. I had finished with international running."

Williamson, who last raced in June 1986, had been told that his name had been removed from the list of those six who had declined the test. "Being on the list makes it look as if I had something to hide. Nothing could be further for the truth," he told *The Times*.

"The request for testing which came nine months after my last race was not even sent to the right address. I had not lived there for a year, which showed how little contact I had had with the Board."

John Oxton, the coach to Jayne Andrews, a Liverpool sprinter who has represented Britain, was surprised to find her name on the list. Oxton stated that Andrews had not declined a test, but in fact failed one. According to Oxton, Andrews, who had been receiving treatment for a skin allergy, had failed a test last summer, but had recently been reinstated.

Louise Gittens, under her maiden name of Miller, represented Britain in the high jump at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. The former British record holder has not competed for the last two seasons and her husband, Roy, explained yesterday: "The Board had asked her if she wanted to be tested, just in case she ever competed again.

Athletes found negative

These are the 131 British athletes tested under the random drug testing scheme and found negative. A figure after the athlete's name indicates the number of times he or she was tested, if more than once.

Geoff Parsons (2), Beverley Kinch (4 — first sample inadequate), Myrtle Augee, Michael Jones, Paul Head (2), Sybil Joseph, Sally Gunnell, Lynda Bain, Kevin Capper, Billy Davey, Billy Dee, Kenneth Hayford, Stephen Casey, Derek Redmond, Sharon Gibson, Donovan Reid (2), Dennis Costello, Angela Piggford (2), Tony Morrell, Gillian Regan, Angela Pain, John Herbert, Joyce Oladapo, Heather Platt, Clare Keller, Phylis Watt (2), Tokunbo Olabann (2), Linda Forsyth (2), Denzil Nicholson, Mandy Lobb, Steven Bergin, Georgina Oladapo, Andrew Ward (2), Rob Harrison, Steve Ovett, Richard Findlow, Linda Keough (3), David Sharpe, Lincoln Asquith, Nicola Lamb, Matt Mienam, Michael Edwards, Paul Harmsworth, Mark Tyler, Janet Boyle, Lynne Robinson, John Regis, Joseph Allison, Spencer Newport, Kerry Robin-Mallerchip, Chris Crutchley, Steve Harris, Michael Brown, Clifton Bradeley, Jacqueline McKernan, Darrell Stone, Yvonna Murray, Nick Rose, Ian Ashforth, Gary Patterson, Paul Mardle (3 — not available for first test for 7 days), Mike Powell, Stephanie Douglas, Matthew Symonds, Mark Johnson, Linford Christie, Steven Halliday, Michelle Stone, Eugene Gilkes, Gareth Brown, Raymond Burke, Mike Winch, Ereton Harrison (2), Lea Haggett, Claire Bassant, Judy Oakes, Jamelia McLaren, Vernon Samuels, Julie Laughton, Cameron Sharp, Deborah Bushnell, Christine Price, Phil Beattie, Barry Knight, Kimberley Price, Jamie Nixon (2), Mary Anderson, Martin Girvan, Belinda Hockley, Rosanne Lister, Patricia Walters, Charmaine Johnson, Clare Bleasdale, Lorraine Campbell, Gary Nagel, Alan Mottershead, Jane Parry (2), Fayaz Ahmed, Karl Harrison (3), Steve Anders, Sian Morris, Lynne McDougall, Alison Moffit, Karen Neary (née Lynch), Fatima Whitbread, Sally Ann Frisby, Ainslie Bennett, Billy Cole, Simone Gandy, Karen McLeod, Gale Laughlin, Mitchell Smith, Phil Vesty, Craig Duncan, Kirsty Wade, Carol Naisby, Paul Phelps, Kelly Mason, Julie Abel, Adnan Passey, Lisa Langford, Wendy Wright, Sandra Smith, Margaret Southerden, Vaughan Espray, Scott Dalment, Jackie Harman, Mark Luscombe, Jonathan Edwards, Fred Salle, Carol Haigh.

RUGBY UNION

Setting terms for laying World Cup foundations

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The International Rugby Football Board has followed up the deliberations in Agen earlier this month of its policy committee with the insertion in *The Times* yesterday of an advertisement for a "full-time secretary" — the first step on the road to a permanent secretariat which is so long overdue.

After initial advertising in this country (details of the job have long been in private circulation among the eight member countries of the Board), there will be further advertising in appropriate journals elsewhere, though time is not on the Board's side; applicants have until December 18 and the hope is that the successful candidate will be known by the time of the annual meeting on March 23.

"The work entails a wide range of administrative duties, custodianship of the bye-laws, regulations and laws of the game, the servicing of committees, conduct of all aspects of public relations and generally fostering the game in all countries where it is, or might be, played," the advertisement reads. "The job is challenging, requiring stamina and willingness to travel and work erratic hours, including some weekends."

That "including some weekends" is a nice touch. I wonder sometimes if more information is not disseminated during the course of a Saturday afternoon watching a rugby match than in more formal surrounds. "Playing and administrative experience at a senior level are desirable, as is business experience relevant to the financial and commercial aspects of the job and a working knowledge of computers," the advertisement goes on.

The Board is seeking applicants in an age bracket of 45-55 and the salary is "circa £30,000". That, no doubt, is subject to negotiation depending upon the experience of individual candidates. In the same way, when the Test and County Cricket Board advertised for a chief executive — the new post now occupied by A C Smith — it was at a salary "not less than £25,000".

John Wheatley, director general of the Sports Council, earns a salary in the area of £37,000 but the Board is talking, of course, about a job which carries a global responsibility, not to mention the considerable toll it will take on the individual laying the foundations of what will grow to become an edifice of vital importance to the game.

But the point about this job is not so much the financial rewards available but the affection the successful applicant will be expected to have for rugby

Pickering turns to his home town

David Pickering, the former Wales captain, is leaving Llanelli to join his home-town club, Neath. Pickering, who has won 23 caps for Wales, said: "The move has come at the right time in my playing career and I feel it will enhance my performance to be associated with Neath, who have a tremendous set-up.

"I've had eight happy years with Llanelli and I appreciate the help they have given me but I felt I needed to move to help my chances to get back into the Welsh side. My ambitions with Neath will be to gain a regular place in the side, which I regard as no mean feat, considering the talent they have available."

FOOTBALL

Hughes is happy at Bayern

By Ian Ross

Four weeks ago Mark Hughes's career was in a state of agonizing limbo. After failing to make the grade at Barcelona, the club he joined from Manchester United 18 months ago, he accepted an offer from Bayern Munich to move to West Germany on loan until the end of the season.

The inference was that Hughes would play when called upon, maintain match fitness and duly return to Old Trafford a wealthier and wiser man when Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had succeeded in securing from his chairman the £1 million required to finally sever his Barcelona ties.

But such is the impact Hughes has made since his arrival in Munich that a footballer, who for so long was regarded as little more than a costly misfit, now seems destined to find himself at the centre of an unlikely summer auction.

While Ferguson remains adamant that Hughes will ultimately return to the scene of his greatest triumphs, Uli Hoeness, Bayern's general manager, is equally adamant that he will be gracing the Bundesliga for several years to come.

Hughes, who scored Bayern's goal in the 3-1 Mercantile Credit Challenge match defeat against Everton at Goodison Park on Wednesday is naturally bemused by his sudden re-entry into the popularity stakes and refuses to be drawn on his long-term future.

"I am enjoying every moment at Bayern Munich and I feel appreciated, which is important. The German game is closer to the English game than is the Spanish

● **Southend United** are ready to sell midfield player Glenn Pennyfather to Crystal Palace for £150,000. The clubs have agreed the fee and the player is to have talks with the Crystal Palace manager, Steve Coppell.

● The former England forward, Frank Worthington, has signed on loan for **Stockport County**, his tenth club, and will make his debut tonight's home game against Colchester.

● Two members of the Aston Villa team which won the European Cup, Peter Withe and Dennis Mortimer, announced plans yesterday to link up again as a managerial team. Withe has already applied for the vacancy at Shrewsbury Town, with Mortimer offering to become second in command.

Ticket prices are the latest insult to centenary party

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League's 100th birthday party has so far been a sorry public shambles. If the second half of the centenary celebrations are as ill conceived and as shabby as the first, then the year that should have lingered long in the memory will deserve to be instantly forgotten.

The programme of events has stumbled from one insipid embarrassment to the next. From a shamefully uninspired dinner in August, it has lurched into a disorganized fixture at Wembley and through an anonymous Fun Run day in September to the apology of a challenge match at Goodison Park on Wednesday night.

The League cannot be blamed for the apathy of Bayern Munich, who accepted the invitation to take the place of Everton's original opponents, Rangers. But the organising committee, chaired by Ken Bates, can justifiably be accused of promoting greed above goodwill by increasing the prices of the tickets.

The cost of between £4 and £8, some 33% higher than usual, dissuaded many spectators from attending. As a consequence, the champions of England and West Germany, who each received £75,000 for an exercise that could scarcely be described as work, were watched by crowd of just 13,083.

If Everton had not complained about the figures initially suggested by the League, the entrance fees would have been even higher and the crowd presumably even lower. Even so, an evening that should have been glorious entertainment became a sad and largely silent commentary on the committee's twisted sense of logic.

Not only are they misguided but they are also apparently in deep and disturbing confusion. When asked about the wisdom of the inflated prices, Bates replied: "I don't know anything about them. The first I knew was when I saw the moans in the papers this week."

If the chairman is not aware of the financial details, who is? Graham Kelly, the League secretary, attempted to draw a veil over the inexcusable deficiencies of the committee. "The prices were fixed in consultation with Everton Football Club" he said. "We felt that they were fair.

"There was entertainment before the game and a top class European side was involved. But we have learnt that it is now obvious you can only expect to fill grounds in this country for friendly or prestige matches on very, very rare occasions. People have become accustomed to competitive fixtures."

Bates insisted that he was "not disappointed, although I'm not sure it was as attractive as the original game that was planned." Yet Mercantile Credit, the sponsors of the celebrations, might well question whether they are receiving full value for their generosity. They donated £250,000 towards the party.

"We had problems with the Rest of the World match at Wembley", Kelly concedes. "We were dogged because of the difficulty in obtaining the players that we wanted and we had hassles right up to the last minute." He felt that the event had been a success on television.

Although he said that "a global audience was given a good impression of British football", he agreed the substitutions "made it all silly".

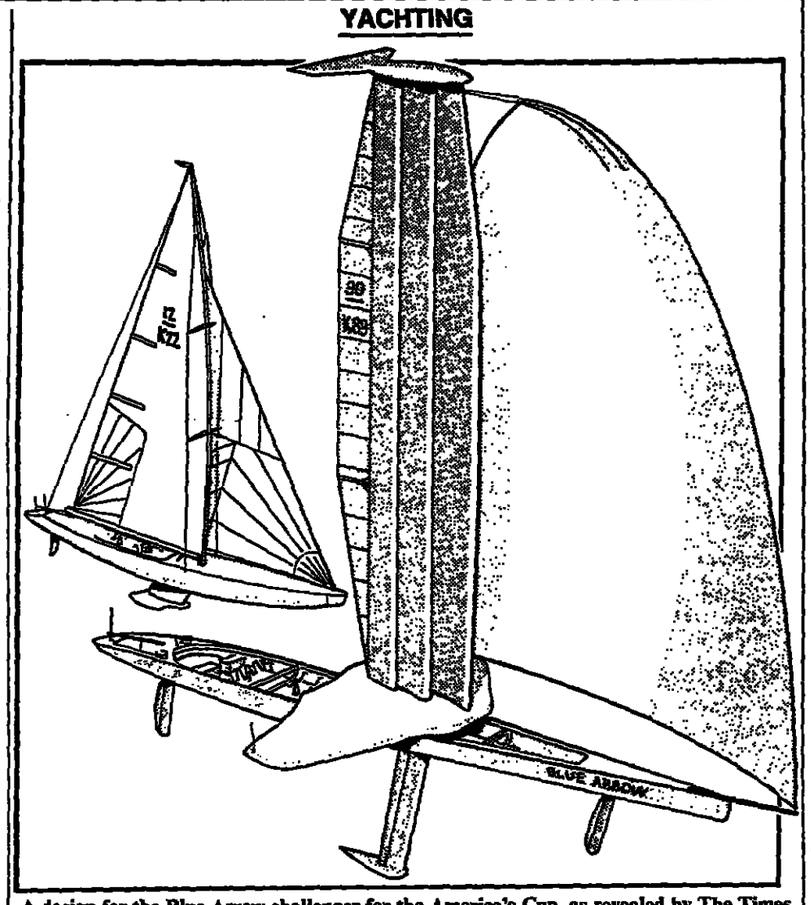
Four events remain on the schedule. It will resume in February with a gala concert, rearranged from last October. A music festival and a tournament involving sixteen clubs will be staged at Wembley in April and the year will close with England's top eight sides competing for the Centenary Trophy in August.

Kelly added that: "We never made any extravagent claims" about the celebrations. Yet the committee, in conjunction with the sponsors, hailed them as "soccer's super party, the longest in football history". So far to their discredit, they have not even begun to fulfil their substantial promise.

Call for harmony

The Professional Footballers' Association renewed its call yesterday for "closer harmony" between players and referees following recent disciplinary measures handed out by the FA. The PFA chairman and Stoke City midfield player, Brian Talbot, said: "We are looking for a better relationship between the three teams on the pitch, the two sides and the referee and his linesmen."

YACHTING



A design for the Blue Arrow challenger for the America's Cup, as revealed by The Times earlier this month. The 90ft waterline yacht has a 135ft mast and a 20ft keel. In the background, the more conventional 12 metre

Fay's challenge upheld

By Barry Pickthall

The New York Supreme Court has upheld Michael Fay's New Zealand challenge for the America's Cup in 90-foot waterline super-maxi yachts. The Court ruled on Tuesday that New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club has tended a valid challenge and that San Diego Yacht Club, the current holders, must treat it as such or forfeit the trophy.

Judge Carmen Ciparick, who has been deliberating on this case since September 9, also ruled against attempts by the Californian holders to change the 100-year-old Deed of Gift which controls the event to ward off future "unwelcome" challenges.

A jubilant Fay was quick to applaud the Supreme Court decision, announcing yesterday that his syndicate would launch their maxi-sized challenger on March 27 next year and ship the yacht to America on May 3 ready to begin trials off San Diego three months before the Cup is due to be contested.

Despite the impending court decision, Dennis Conner's San Diego club has continued with plans to defend the "Auld Mug" in 12-metres in 1991. Now the the club is faced with returning the $25,000 (£14,300) fees demanded from the 21 syndicates, including four from Britain who agreed to enter earlier this month, as well as prepare to meet Fay's challenger with a similar-sized boat for a three-race series in 10 months time.

Yesterday, members of the Sail America Foundation, contracted by the San Diego Y C to organize the next America's Cup, were locked in discussions to decide on their next move. One suggestion high on the list of options is to lodge an appeal to a higher court — if only to stall for time to mount a competitive defence.

Another question taxing challengers outside New Zealand is whether the San Diego club will now exclude them from competing for the Cup. Fay said yesterday that he was prepared to race against other challengers including Alan Bond and Peter De Savary's groups in an elimination trial, but the Americans, who must agree to this, are now likely to resist any opportunity to allow the opposition to sharpen up their performance before the big event.

Working against the club, however, will be the commercial interests of San Diego itself, which will gain little from a low-key defence. Yesterday, British 12-metre interests were equally muted.

Simms drops from favour in North

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Though the North have yet to announce their XV for the first round of the Toshiba divisional championship, it seems that Kevin Simms will join Jamie Salmon in temporary exclusion. The Wasps centre is not among the slimmed-down Northern squad of 25, from which the playing party will be chosen over the weekend.

Thus both of England's World Cup centres look likely to miss the championship, unless injuries provide an opening. Simms and Salmon played together in three of last season's Five Nations matches and in three of four World Cup matches, while both were present throughout last season's divisional championship, won by the North.

The North will select their centres from Buckton (Saracens), Bentley (Sale) and Carling (Durham University and Harlequins). Simms is not alone in exile, since neither Barley (Wakefield) nor Burnhill (Leicester) can find a place; there seems a prospect of the Yorkshiremen, Buckton and Bentley, playing together against London on December 5. That would bring Buckton to face Laurence Smith, his club partner.

Salmon was yesterday confirmed as a replacement for London. The eclipse of Simms must surely be temporary, given that his work and his rugby remain compatible this season. His studies at St Mary's Hospital reach an important stage in May, when his finals may leave him unavailable for England's tour to Australia.

The other well known name omitted from the North's squad is Melville, the former England captain. The scrum half took part in England's training at Worcester on Sunday, but only plays his first senior match tomorrow, for Wasps against Nottingham. That leaves the Northern selectors little choice, though I doubt if they wished to drop Holmes, the Sheffield player, whose quick hands and determination could carry him further than last season's B cap against France.

If the North do not want Simms, Cambridge University past XV do — to meet South Korea at Grange Road on December 3 in the opening fixture of their five-match tour.

The South and South-West, who play the Midlands at Bristol, have chosen their team, but the selectors prefer to wait until after the Courage Clubs Championship match between Gloucester and Bath (now moved to next Monday) before publishing it.

● Rob Wainwright, the Cambridge University flanker, has turned down the chance to play for the Anglo-Scots in the McEwan's district championship tomorrow as the University match is only 12 days away.

SNOOKER

Johnson given medical all-clear for semi-final

By Steve Acteson

Joe Johnson, of Bradford, has been declared fit to play in his first Tennents United Kingdom Championship semi-final in Preston today. Johnson, the 1986 World champion who is the No. 5 seed, suffered brief but severe chest pains during the sixth frame of his 9-7 victory over Mike Hallett on Wednesday.

Yesterday he visited a clinic near his home for a further examination, which revealed that he had a trapped nerve in his back. Nevertheless, as an extra precaution, Johnson will visit a Harley Street specialist next week, but not until he has taken care of business.

Today he plays the winner of last night's quarter-final between Terry Griffiths and Jimmy White, who was looking distinctly under the weather as a combination of his own recklessness and Griffiths' assured potting and solid safety play put the Welshman 5-2 ahead at the main interval. Griffiths having won five frames in a row.

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, led 4-3 against Leicester's Willie Thorne with the help of three half-century breaks and a polished clearance of 107 in the fifth frame, which equalled the New Zealander, Dene O'Kane's highest break for the televized stages of the tournament.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: T Griffiths (Wal) leads J White (Eng), 5-2. Frame scores (White first): 57-46, 87-13, 52-69, 12-68, 17-79, 29-78, 57-67. C Thorburn (Can) leads W Thorne (Eng), 4-3. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 45-71, 76-28, 78-24, 4-78, 107-20, 80-37, 34-62.

Wednesday's late results: S Davis (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 9-5. Frame scores (Davies first): 18-110, 92-19, 80-0, 50-69, 10-89, 69-42, 85-32, 62-12, 98-41, 51-61, 19-88, 85-5, 82-5, 70-1. J Johnson (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 9-7. Frame scores (Johnson first): 42-94, 12-121, 68-26, 100-8, 25-70, 14-78, 81-15, 65-41, 48-66, 84-6, 58-40, 55-63, 70-32, 25-70, 62-49, 67-58.

WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

MERCANTILE CREDIT CENTENARY CHALLENGE: Everton 3, Bayern Munich 1.

SIMOD CUP: First round: Derby 3, Birmingham 1 (aet; score at 90mins. 0-0); Leeds 3, Sheffield United 0; Newcastle 2, Shrewsbury 1

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Brighton 3, Southend 2; Hereford 0, Torquay 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Lincoln 3, Macclesfield 0.

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 1, St Mirren 0.

UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Barcelona (Sp) 4, Fiamurtan Vlora (Alb) 1; Borussia Dortmund (WG) 3, Bruges (Bel) 0; Feyenoord (Neth) 2, Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 2; Guimaraes (Port) 2, Vitkovice (Cz) 0; Honved Budapest (Hun) 5, Panathinaikos (Gr) 2; Internazionale (It) 1, Espanol Barcelona (Sp) 1; Verona (It) 3, Sportul Bucharest (Rom) 1; Werder Bremen (WG) 2, Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 1.

COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Final: Ballymena 1, Newry 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Blackpool 2, Grimsby 1, Hull 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Sheffield United 1, Huddersfield 2; Sunderland 4, Bradford 2. Second division: Barnsley 2, Preston 4, Blackburn 2, Port Vale 2; Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Notts County 3, Bolton 0; Scunthorpe 0, Middlesbrough 3; Stoke 1, Newcastle 0; York 0, Rotherham 3. Postponed: Darlington v West Bromwich

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 1, Reading 2; Ipswich 2, Southampton 2; Oxford United 2, Brighton 1

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 0, Leyton Orient 4.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Swansea 2, Cardiff 4. Postponed: Shrewsbury v Exeter.

FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying replay: Saltash 2, Slough 5.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon 0, Witton 0; Oswestry 1, Marine 7. First division: Eastwood Hanley 0, Winsford 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Leicester United 3, Burton 1; Shepshed 2, Worcester 3.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Chesham 0, Yeovil 3. First division: Kingsbury 1, Marlow 4; Southwick 3, Leatherhead 1. Second division north: Tring 3, Hornchurch 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 2, Radstock 1; Dawlish 2, Liskeard 1

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Crawley 1, Pagham 2; Haywards Heath 2, Horsham 3.

CORPS QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT: Royal Artillery 5, Royal Signals 0; Royal Engineers 1, REME 3.

Altrincham grant

The Football Trust has awarded Altrincham, the GM Vauxhall Conference club, a £15,711 grant to cover 75 per cent of the cost of essential safety work at their Moss Lane ground.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: MIM Lumgston 90 (Granger 31, Way 14, Hil 13, Young 10, McLean 10, Collier 10); Sharp Manchester United 79 (Dolan 27, Byrd 18, Gardner 11); Polytech Kingston 99 (Clark 21, Moore 17, McIntosh 14, Bontrager 13, Scott 13, Davis 11, Simpson 11), Portsmouth 82 (Irish 25, Cunningham 18, Glass 12, Tamam 12, Speed 10), Bolton and Bury (Crosby 27, Woods 26, Peers 16, Bond 16) 102, Aldhampton Royals 76 (Keenan 23, Thomas 22); Bracknell 110 (Kellybrew 20, Hayles 19, Scantlebury 18, Best 16); Derby 71 (Chadwick 31, Lascelles 18).

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): New York Knicks 104, Cleveland Cavaliers 101; Indiana Pacers 133, San Antonio Spurs 102; Boston Celtics 117, Atlanta Hawks 102; Chicago Bulls 103, Milwaukee Bucks 101; Dallas Mavericks 113, Detroit Pistons 107; Houston Rockets 109, Phoenix Suns 103; Washington Bullets 101, Los Angeles Clippers 96

BANGKOK: Asian championship: Play-off places: Fifth: Taiwan 79 India 59 Seventh: Malaysia 50, Thailand 68.

SQUASH RACKETS

KARACHI: Pakistan Masters tournament: Quarter-finals (Pakistani unless stated): Jahangir Khan bt Umar Hayat Khan 9-1, 9-3, 9-1, P Kenyon (GB) bt B Mamin (Aust) 9-6, 9-3, 6-9, C Robertson (Aus) bt Zarak Khan, 6-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-3, Jansher Khan bt Maqsood Ahmad, 9-2, 9-3, 9-6

NETBALL

LEICESTER: Second international match: England 41, West Indies 41.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Third day: 1, R Hermann (Liech) and A Doyle (GB), 54pts; 2, V Dehl and R Guentner (WG), 47; 3, U Freuler (Switz) and D Thorau (WG), at one lap, 50; 4, B Vallet and L Bondi (Fr), 19; 5, F Bincolotto and A Balbi (It), at two laps, 41; 6, D Clark and T Sawyer (Aus), 36.

CURICO: Tour of Chile road race: Eighth day: 80km stage (Chilean unless stated): 1, M Drogueti, 1hr 32min 14sec; 2, J Acuna, 1 32 17; 3, B Mazon (Col), 1.32 19. 80km stage: 1, E Fisher (Br), 2.09.52, 2, F Opazo, 2 09 55; 3, R Sanchez (Arg), 2.09 57. Overall positions: 1, P Torman, 31 25.07; 2, O Ortiz, 31.25 47; 3, C Nava, 31.25.50.

SWIMMING

TORONTO: International short-course meet: Women: 800m freestyle: 1, D Wurzburger (Can), 8min 40 18sec. 2, E Purvis (Can), 8 42 66; 3, N Lovernic (Can), 8 46.31. Men: 1,500m freestyle: 1, J Gorne (US), 15 06 99; 2, R Ruscheinman (US), 15.16 51; 3, V Salnikov (USSR) 15 19.26.

GYMNASTICS

TOKYO: International competition: Men: Floor exercise: 1, M Amara (Japan), 9.75pts. Pommel horse: 1=, I Korobchinsky (USSR), 9.70 and G Guczogohy (Hun), 9.70. Rings: 1, N Behrendt (EG), 9.80. Horse vault: 1, Korobchinsky, 9.575. Parallel bars: 1, Korobchinsky, 9.80. Horizontal bar: 1, S Khakov (USSR) 9.85. Women: Horse vault: 1, E Gurova (USSR), 9.875. Bars: 5, L Elliot, 9.625. Uneven bars: 1=, A Dobre (Rom) and Y Kun (USSR). Beam: 1, Dobre 9.85. Floor exercise: 1, Vonka, 9.90. Bars: 4=, Elliot, 9.75.

TENNIS

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, West Germany: Young Masters tournament: Second round (round robin groups): B Becker (WG) bt C Pridzejus (It), 6-1, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt N Kuln (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt D Wheaton (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0; C-U Streb (WG) bt F Schaltinger (WG), 6-4, 6-4; C Bengstrom (Swe), bt U Sjamlund (Swe), 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt E Winogradsky (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J B Svensson (Swe) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 6-0, 6-1; P Kuehnen (WG) bt O Krishanssen (Swe), 6-1, 6-2; Gustafsson bt Becker, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Kuln bt Pridzejus, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Winogradsky bt Schaffner, 6-3, 6-3; Antonitsch bt Bergstrom, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. (Antonitsch and Gustaffson qualify for semi-finals)

MUNICH: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles, first round: L Shiras (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; F Luddemper (WG) bt N Marquez (Por), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: M Dickson (US) bt E Masso (Aug), 6-7 7-5, 6-3, F Segarceanu (Rom) bt S Vasudevan (India), 6-3, 6-4; D Nagso (It) bt B Stankovic (Cz), 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; M Oosting (Neth) bt R Matuszewski (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

ITAPARICA: Brazil open tournament: Second round: T Smid (Cz) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, L Mattar (Bra) bt C Motta (Bra), 6-1, 6-2, M Jade (Arg) bt D Perez (Uru), 7-6, 6-3, A Agassi (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-3, 6-4, A Gomez (Ecu) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-2, 6-1, S Casal (Sp) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-2, T Memacke (WG) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-5, 6-0; B Gilbert (US) bt D Marcelino (Bra), 7-6, 6-2; T Smid (Cz) bt A Gomez (Ec), 7-6, 7-6; M Jaite (Arg) bt T Mewnecke (WG), 6-2, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-1, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Mattar bt Casal 7-5, 5-7, 7-6

HOCKEY

KARACHI: International match: Pakistan 2, South Korea 0.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: London Group: Middlesex 6, Surrey 12 (at Imber Court). Midland Group: Final play-off: Warwickshire 52, North Midlands 16 (at Coventry).

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg 9, Llanelli 18; Newbridge 3, Glamorgan Wanderers 13; Pontypool 23, Pontypridd 18; Rosslyn Park 14, Loughboro ugh Students 24; Swansea 12, Bridgend 4. Postponed: Moseley v Fylde.

WILLIAM YOURGER FLOODLIT TROPHY: Second round: Romford 15, Upminster 3 (at Thurrock RFC).

OXFORD UNDER-18 CUP: Final: Henley 18, Shiplake 9.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: All Hallows 3, Shebbear 17, Christ's Hospital 21, Guildford RGS 12; Douai 7, RGS High Wycombe 26, Downside 32, Marlborough 0; Enfield GS 6, Verulam 0; Langley Park 4, Trinity Croydon 19, Llandovery 24, Captain Crawshay 6 XV 12; Old Swinford Hospital 9, Dynstonne 8; Rose's GS 10, RGS Worcester 4; St Dunstan's 4, Colfe's 6; Wellington (Somerset) 7, King's Taunton 13, Wrekin 11, Lichfield Friary 3, Wymondham 20, UEA 16.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (I K Timberlake and A C Hascock) bt Rugby (R R Montgomerie and P H M Racowe), 14-17, 15-11, 15-4, 15-5, 11-15, 13-15, 16-13

ARCHERY

DUSHANBE, Soviet Tadzhikistan: Soviet Cup: Women's 70m group (36 arrows): 1, E Martel (USSR), 330pts (world record).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New York Rangers 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; New Jersey Devils 6, Edmonton Oilers 7 (OT); Montreal Canadiens 6, Hartford Whalers 5; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Buffalo Sabres 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Quebec Nordiques 4; Detroit Red Wings 10, Winnipeg Jets 9; Washington Capitals 4, Boston Bruins 1; St Louis Blues 4, Minnesota North Stars 3 (OT); Los Angeles Kings 8, Chicago Black Hawks 4; Calgary Flames 4, Vancouver Canucks 2.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: George Wimpey Open singles championship: First round: N Pengelly bt J Fletcher (Holyport), 6-5, 2-6, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, I Snell bt R Mackenzie, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; K King (Holyport) bt T Gilbert 6-2, 6-3, 6-0; A Page bt I Ward 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

FOOTBALL

SWISS LEAGUE: Young Boys Berne 3, Lucerne 1

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Dundee 2, Heriot Watt 0

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 0, Highgate 2, Chigwell 1, Forest 2, Upton GS 2, Langley GS 2

BADMINTON

DERBY: Challenge match: Carlton Cavaliers v Vauxhall Vulcans: Third round: Vulcans, 2, Cavaliers 1. Singles (Carlton names first): N Yates bt P G Jonsson, 15-12, 15-7; S Baddeley lost to M Frost, 15-4, 15-8. Doubles: B Gilland and D Travers lost to M Kjeldsen and Jonnson, 15-7, 15-3. Vulcans lead series 2-0

SKIING

Bumpy victory for Spaniard

Sestriere (Reuter) — Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa, of Spain, expertly negotiated a bumpy and demanding course to race to her first World Cup slalom victory as the Alpine skiing season opened here yesterday in Italy.

In claiming her second World Cup victory, the 24-year-old from Madrid dominated both legs of the race on a steep and icy slope, finishing in 1min 29.5sec — 0.66sec ahead of Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia.

Lesley Beck, of Britain, finished 16th, her best showing in a World Cup race.

RESULTS: 1, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:29 50. 2, M Svet (Yug), 1:30 16; 3, V Schneider (Switz), 1.30.32; 4, C Kinshofer-Gullen (WG), 1:30.43, 5, R Stener (Austria), 1 30.83; 6, C Schmidhauser (Switz), 1.31 30; 7, M Rues (Austria), 1:31 67; 8, L Kebrlova (Cz), 1 31 97, 9, L Lesjak (Yug), 1.32 00; 10, C Nilsson (Swe), 1:32 14, 11, B Gadien (Switz), 1 32.30, 12 K Buder (Austria), 1:32.32; 13, U Maier (Austria), 1 32 41, 14, I Ladstaedter (Austria), 1 32 59, 15, H Gapp (Austria), 1:32.64, 16, L Beck (GB), 1:32.99.

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Maxwell hits out after League refuses backing

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Robert Maxwell has angrily attacked the Football League "mismanagement committee" over their failure to back his proposed £2 million takeover of Watford. Maxwell, whose British Printing and Communications Corporation (BPCC) company planned to buy out the Watford chairman, Elton John, said the League president, Philip Carter's attempts to justify the decision were "as untrue as they are childish, scandalous and slanderous".

In a hard-hitting statement, Maxwell also said that the professional game was dominated by "incompetent, selfish, bungling amateurs", who he wanted to see kicked out. The League's management committee met for four hours yesterday to discuss the takeover. The eight-man committee were unanimous in their decision.

They issued a statement saying they did not think it "desirable for any individual or organization, either directly or through nominees, to be in a position or appear to be in a position to influence the management or administration of more than one club. Therefore, the management committee does not support this transaction."

The statement, an echo of regulation 80, refers to Maxwell's substantial involvement in four clubs. He is the chairman of Derby County, his son, Kevin, is the chairman of Oxford United, and John Holloran, the chief executive of BPCC, is the new chairman of Watford.

Maxwell is also the major shareholder at Reading, the second division club he attempted to merge with Oxford. In effect, he could be said to be in control of almost a sixth of the first division as well as being the strongest voice representing the Full Members.

Maxwell maintains the only reason his company offered to buy Watford was to preserve the club's future but it seems obvious that he does not intend to give up the idea of taking over Watford without a fight.

John has backed Maxwell. In a brief statement to the Football League the Watford chairman said: "I have asked BPCC not to withdraw, which they have agreed to do. I believe the transfer of my shares to BPCC is in the best interests of Watford town and Watford Football Club."

Although the League's management committee has no official power to stop Maxwell, it threw further weight behind its decision by threatening to summon all the League chairmen to an extraordinary general meeting. Maxwell could find himself taking on 89 opponents, who could move the goal posts in the power game.

The committee hopes that Maxwell, who bought Watford from John for £2 million, will avoid such a collision by fulfilling his public promise. Last week he stated that "a condition of the agreement is that if the League does not agree wholeheartedly with the deal, then I will walk away."

Carter said: "Our understanding according to Mr Maxwell, from what we have read in the press, is that if he does not get the support of the management committee, he will back off. If he does go ahead, all 92 club chairmen will be called to an extraordinary general meeting.

"Rule changes could then be brought in to block the deal. At the moment, we have no regulation which will prevent Mr Maxwell, through his subsidiary, purchasing the shares of Elton John. Our attitude will be that we would hope that he will observe the spirit which he himself put forward."

If not, Carter has clearly intimated that regulation 80 could be rewritten more precisely to force Maxwell to withdraw from the arrangement that brought Vicarage Road within his expansive empire. The publisher has asked that if he does so, "what good would that do to Watford and to football?"

The committee's answer to his question is that whatever the outcome might be, it is sure to be healthier for the club and particularly for the first division as well as the game itself. Now Maxwell must in turn decide whether he feels it is worth picking up the League's gauntlet.

It was thrown down by Carter, of Everton, Ken Bates, of Chelsea, David Dean, of Arsenal, and Bert McGee, of Sheffield Wednesday, representing the first division. Their colleagues were Jack Dunnett, of Notts County, Bill Fox, of Blackburn Rovers, Ron Noades, of Crystal Palace, and Ian Stott, of Oldham Athletic.

After Watford had met to discuss the repercussions of the League verdict, John, flanked by Holloran and Eddie Plumley, the Watford chief executive, said: "The board of directors of Watford Football Club is extremely disappointed with the speculation surrounding the managership of Dave Bassett. The board has unanimously and solidly reaffirmed Dave Bassett's position as manager of Watford Football Club, a position that has never, and I stress never, been in doubt."

ROBERT MAXWELL'S STATEMENT

I will carefully study what the Football League Mismanagement Committee has said after I have had an opportunity to consider the reactions of Mr Elton John, the Board of Watford Football Club and its Manager, Mr David Bassett. The Board of BPCC, which will meet tomorrow, will similarly want to consider its next step.

Mr Elton John and I have one paramount objective — to preserve, if possible, the first division status of Watford FC.

BPCC's purpose was to help the club before its lack of financial resources starts an irreversible slide. The Mismanagement Committee's remarks today seem like those of a group of frightened men, who know they are responsible for the parlous state in which British football finds itself but who are reluctant to have their guilt exposed.

They failed to respond to the hooligan menace which emptied so many grounds; they failed to secure the best possible deal with the BBC and ITV companies, thereby depriving the clubs in the lower divisions of badly needed money to ensure their survival; they also failed to secure for the game the kind of monies which the football pools ought to be paying to it.

Mr Carter's attempted justifications for interfering in Watford Football Club's decision are as untrue as they are childish, scandalous and slanderous. Mr Carter's real motivation is that he is scared that his and his friends' cosy little cartel, which has been lording it over our national game with such damaging consequences, could come to an end.

What we have is a professional game dominated by incompetent, selfish, bungling amateurs and it is time that those who love the sport woke up to the fact and kicked them out.

Share option

Norwich City's dissenting shareholders will today take another step in their bid to get Ken Brown reinstated as manager by asking chairman, Robert Chase, for an extraordinary general meeting. Since Brown was dismissed two weeks ago, his supporters have been buying up enough shares to force the club to hold the meeting.

National test

Tokyo (AP) — FC Porto, of Portugal, and Penarol, of Uruguay, will meet in the eighth Toyota Cup game on December 13 to decide the world's top club football team, organizers said yesterday. The annual Europe-South America match is to be played at the 60,000-seat National Stadium.



Maxwell at a Mencap lunch yesterday before hearing the League's decision

END COLUMN

Britain given a chance to excel

By Peter de Savary

The decision by Judge Beauchamp Ciparick in the New York Supreme Court to allow a new class of boat to challenge for the America's Cup has very exciting implications for Britain. By starting with a clean sheet of paper and in a type of boat that embraces the very latest technology, Britain's Blue Arrow Challenge has the best chance for over a century of bringing the cup back to its country of origin.

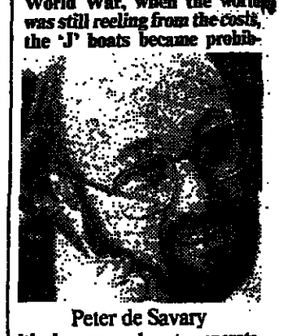
Mrs Ciparick was asked to interpret the original Deed of Gift that has been in the custodianship of the New York Court since its inception in 1851. This original document stated that the America's Cup was to be a Challenge series between yacht clubs of friendly nations. It also stated that the maximum size of a boat should be no more than 90 feet on the waterline.

For almost 100 years, these giant boats with seemingly acres of sail raced with crews of 30 or 40 men hauling giant, often wet and certainly very heavy sails on masts of up to a 120ft high.

In the late 1930s, entrepreneurs such as Tommy Sopwith and Thomas Lipton poured their fortunes into creating true state of the art boats that were the ultimate in the technology of the time. Sopwith had already worked of course on some of the most famous aircraft of all time — The Sopwith Pup dominating the air in its era. By seconding his aircraft designers to build his 'J' boats, Sopwith was applying cross-over technology from one advanced industry to another more traditional.

Yet anyone who has seen a 'J' class boat with masts as high as a 14-storey building and with a spinnaker that would cover half a football pitch could only marvel at the sheer audacity to build such graceful and sleek craft.

Then after the Second World War, when the world was still reeling from the costs, the 'J' boats became prohibitively expensive to operate and the New York Court was asked to accept boats half the size.



Peter de Savary

This was only the second time that an amendment had been made to the Deed of Gift, and the America's Cup seemed settled into a series of match racing with 12-metre yachts.

When San Diego retained the Cup for the United States earlier this year, they were perhaps a little too concerned with making real estate deals and carving up the profits that can go with a defence of an America's Cup rather than looking at the real issue.

All the challengers waited and waited for a decision on when the racing would be held. Michael Fay, the New Zealander, did the most sensible thing by reading the original Deed of Gift with a fine toothcomb. With his advisers, he decided to concentrate the mind of the San Diegans and issue a challenge according to the original Deed of Gift. This was for a boat 90-feet on the waterline, and to be raced for ten months from the date of the challenge.

In San Diego, they rather ignored this upstart Antipodean. In fact they laughed at the very idea.

The smiles must now be beaming in New Zealand, for Judge Ciparick has agreed with Fay, and we are to see a class of yacht that will attract the world's attention in a way that has never before happened in sailing, not even as with the last series in Australia.

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England's slow bowlers unable to match the magic of Qadir

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Lahore

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

England won toss

ENGLAND First Innings: 175 (Abdul Qadir 9 for 56).

PAKISTAN

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
Mudassar Nazar lbw b Foster	120	-	18	324	257
Ramiz Raja b Emburey	35	1	5	70	45
Salim Malik b Emburey	0	-	-	1	1
†Javed Miandad c Gooch b Cook	65	-	9	171	166
Ijaz Ahmed not out	27	1	3	102	73
Asif Mujtaba not out	2	-	-	22	15
Extras (b 17, lb 7, nb 4)	28				
Total (4 wkts, 92 overs)	277				

†Ashraf Ali, Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmed to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-71, 3-213, 4-272.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 17-4-52-0 (nb 3); Foster 11-0-31-1 (nb 1); Emburey 36-9-89-2; Cook 28-10-81-1.
Umpires: Amanullah Khan and Shakeel Khan.

Without a top-class leg-spinner to contend with, as England had had with Qadir on Wednesday, Pakistan reached 277 for four when the first Test match was continued here yesterday. This gives them a first innings lead of 102 and an advantage which they may confidently expect to turn into a winning one.

Of the four wickets which England took during the day, two fell to successive balls in Emburey's fifth over. He bowled Ramiz Raja and then Salim Malik, both between bat and pad as they pushed tentatively forward. Four balls later, still in the same over, Miandad could have been caught before he had scored, by Gooch at backward short leg.

For a Tony Lock or an Alan Revill, or a Mickey Stewart for that matter, it would have been a sharp chance, but one they would have been disappointed not to take. Although Gooch covered it as he fell, low to his left, it was just too quick for him. Short leg is not the place for Gooch, and Gatting soon went there; but the horse had bolted by then.

When Miandad was 24 he could have been caught again, French missing him at the wicket off Cook. This time the ball kept a shade low perhaps, but being on the outside of the bat it was perfectly catchable. French, in fact, had a difficult time of it, allowing 16 byes during the morning, all in boundaries. He had trouble with the off-break turning past the leg stump, as he did, I remember, on another turning pitch against New South Wales in Newcastle a year ago.

Nor did England bowl as tidily as they should have. A sketchy start from Foster and DeFreitas relieved Pakistan of early pressure. And runs came off the spinners at more than two and a half an over without the batsmen taking risks. For an orthodox left-arm spinner, Cook was hit too frequently to leg or past cover point off the back foot. Capel, who does rate as an all-rounder, was not bowled at all, which would have been less curious had Foster and DeFreitas been in better form. There was surely a time in the afternoon, with Cook collared and no third spinner to turn to, when Capel must have been worth an over or two.

But a day of some mediocrity of England was one of great rejoicing for Mudassar, who celebrated his hundredth Test innings by scoring 123. It was his tenth Test hundred, of which the only one to be made outside Pakistan was against England at Edgbaston in July. His first, against Mike Brearley's side on this same ground 10 years ago, is still the slowest century ever made in first-class cricket. It took nine hours 17 minutes. In the brochure for the next Test match Mudassar was hailed for having achieved "the great and glorious feat of the slowest Test innings ever played." He was only 21 at the time and it was certainly remarkable how he applied himself for so long.

Yesterday's was the innings of Mudassar in maturity. His 100 came now in a mere four and a half hours. All told he hit 18 fours and gave no chance, unless England were right in thinking, quite early on, that he had been caught at short leg off bat and pad. They undoubtedly thought Ijaz had been immediately after tea, but it was more for warning both Cook and Emburey about their follow-throughs that the umpires caught the eye.

England conceded 33 runs in the first five overs, bowled by Foster and DeFreitas. Hooks, one for six by Ramiz off Foster, and square cuts told of the length they bowled, though when Foster did pitch around the right spot he found for an over or two both bounce and movement. In two overs DeFreitas went for 17 and by the time Emburey and Cook were bowling together, after 45 minutes, 43 runs had been scored, 34 of them by Ramiz.

Had Miandad gone before he had scored Pakistan would have been 71 for three with the youngsters to come, faced by a real test of nerve. Instead, by the time another wicket fell Mudassar and Miandad had added 142 and it was nearly tea time.

Miandad's wicket came in the end as something of a windfall. Driving at Cook without quite being at the pitch of the ball, he was caught at deep mid off. Gooch taking the ball two-handed above his head. To be fair to Cook, it was quite a feather in his cap to have the little wizard caught, having already had him dropped.

Mudassar departed eventually to the new ball, taken 40 minutes from the end. Left to see out the day with Asif Mujtaba, Ijaz then showed why Imran sees such promise in him. Having hit Cook back over his head for six, he played Foster and DeFreitas with composure when a couple more wickets would have kept England in the game. As it is, it is hard now to see them saving it.

Butcher in plaster but in demand

By a Special Correspondent

Terry Butcher, with his left leg encased in plaster, has been offered a revised contract by Rangers which could keep him in Glasgow until the end of his playing career.

The popular England centre half is currently bound to a four-year contract which expires in the summer of 1990 — by which time he will be 31 — but in the wake of Manchester United's £1 million bid, Rangers are believed to have drafted a further four-year contract valid until 1994.

The Rangers' assistant manager Walter Smith confirmed yesterday: "We had started speaking to Terry about lengthening his contract before he broke his leg, but obviously that set us back a bit. The main thing is we want him to stay here for the remainder of his career — it is as simple as that."

Meanwhile, another subject of Rangers interest is St. Mirren's promising midfield player-cum-forward, Ian Ferguson, for whom they have made a bid of £500,000. St Mirren, however, are determined to hold the player to an existing four-year contract, which he signed only a matter of months ago.

On this affair, Smith was more rueful than hopeful. "We have made the bid but, as things stand, the player has been told that he must stay."

Of more immediate concern to both Smith and Graeme Souness, the manager, is the visit of the League leaders, Heart of Midlothian to Ibrox on Saturday. Rangers will again have to do without Souness, whose calf muscle strain will keep him out for at least another week.

Jacklin accepts the captaincy again

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Tony Jacklin yesterday agreed to serve a fourth term as captain of the European Ryder Cup golf team. He will remain at the helm when the biennial encounter, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, unfolds at The Belfry in 1989, when he will attempt to steer Europe to a third successive victory against the United States.

"I was prepared to step down, but it seems that nobody was too excited about taking over," Jacklin said. "The Ryder Cup has become a crusader for the European Tour. Right now everything is looking rosy, but we can't sit back. We must not become complacent and screw up all we've achieved."

Peter Alliss, Tommy Horton and Bernard Gallacher would have been among those on a short-list to replace Jacklin had the former British and US Open champion opted out. Initially he insisted that he would resign but he agreed to continue when the Ryder Cup Committee met in London yesterday.

The news will delight the players. Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam had vigorously campaigned for Jacklin to carry on. Jacklin, too, was swayed by the knowledge that the likes of Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle, Ballesteros and Woosnam will almost certainly retain their places. "The average age this year was 29, and so I would expect most of the players to form the backbone of our 1989 team," Jacklin said. "It's important to have players in the team whose personality you know."

He hinted, however, that he might seek a minor change in the selection procedure — nine players automatically qualified for this year's match with Jacklin picking the other three — and that he might be prepared to remain in the role in the 1990s.

"I realize that right now it would be a tough act for somebody to follow," Jacklin added. "I believe it's my duty to continue. Where European golf is heading is a heck of a lot more important than Tony Jacklin's ego or personal career."

Jacklin, who assumed the captaincy in 1983 when Europe lost narrowly in Florida, was in London yesterday for the launch of BBC Enterprises *Victory in America* (£9.99). It is an excellent 90-minute video highlighting this year's historic first-ever win on American soil which followed Europe's victory at The Belfry in 1985.

Both Jack Nicklaus, the US captain, and Jacklin, agreed that Europe's 15-13 win at Muirfield Village, Colombus, Ohio, might change the course of world golf. "I wrote afterwards to Hord Hardin, the US Masters chairman, and asked if he would invite all 12 of the European team to play at Augusta next year," said Jacklin. "He has written back to say that six have qualified and that the selection procedure will be reviewed. That is a step in the right direction."

Jacklin and the European Ryder Cup team also learned yesterday that they had won the Association of Golf Writers' Trophy.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Becker out to Swede

Friedrichshafen, West Germany (Reuter) — Boris Becker, three times winner of the Young Masters tennis tournament in its inaugural years, crashed out 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 yesterday to Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden.

The exhausted and lethargic former Wimbledon champion, aged 20 last Sunday, said: "I'm taking medicine for my throat, earache, cold and knee pains."

On target

Dushanbe, Soviet Tadzkhistan (AFP) — Elena Marfel broke the women's archery world record for 70 metres when she scored 330 points from 36 arrows in the Soviet Cup here yesterday.



Faulkner: leaving Newport

Mass changes

Charlie Faulkner, the former Welsh international prop forward, and Roy Duggan have both resigned as Newport rugby union club's coaches after committee members said they did not like their forward-orientated style of play. Roger Powell, the captain, has also decided end his playing days.

Heavy penalty

Auch (AFP) — Albert Ferrasse, the French rugby union federation president, still angry over the death of a player in a junior club match in Marseille two weeks ago, has called for a minimum one year ban on any player found guilty of kicking or raking a player on the ground.

Cheating row

Rome (Reuter) — The Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL) said yesterday it would take legal action against Alessandro Donati, the national sprint coach, who claimed Giovanni Evangelisti, the Italian, won the long jump bronze medal from Larry Myricks, the American, at the world championships here in September through an error arranged in advance.

"After 20 years here my family can recommend it"

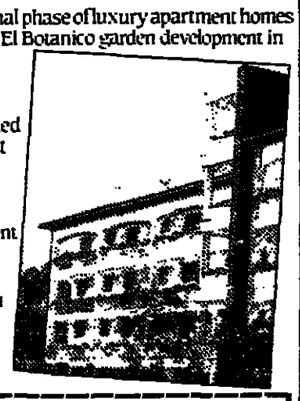
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